

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL
Monday, November 27, 2017

Opening:

Medina City Council met in regular, open session on Monday, November 27th. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne. Boy Scouts Troop #3507 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Keith Dirham, Greg Huber, Patrick Patton, Kimberly Marshall, Mike Wright, Fire Chief Painter, Police Chief Kinney, Jonathan Mendel, and Dan Gladish.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, October 23, 2017 as prepared and presented by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the minutes were approved by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated they met prior to tonight's Council meeting and will meet again for the last time this year in two weeks.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Kolesar had no report. He added they talked about purchasing some new police cruisers and a detective car during Finance Committee tonight.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb had no report. Possible meeting in January.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report. Possible meeting in January prior to the first Finance meeting.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mr. Hilberg had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose had no report. Next meeting is scheduled for December 5th at 5 p.m.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

- 17-207-11/27 – Budget Amendments
- 17-208-11/27 – Guilford Blvd. Bridge Property Acquisition
- 17-209-11/27 – Purchase 3 Police SUV's and 1 Fusion from Lebanon Ford
- 17-210-11/27 – Expenditure – Hall Public Safety Co. (Up-fit for Police Explorers)
- 17-211-11/27 – Renew Public Defender Contract
- 17-212-11/27 – Approve Partner Marketing Sponsors – MCRC

17-213-11/27 – Amend 31.02 (E) – MCRC Part-Time Pay Scale
17-214-11/27 – Rezone 124 & 126 Harding Street – R-3 to C-3
17-215-11/27 – Expenditure – Jet-A Fuel – Medina Airport
17-216-11/27 – Amend Code 943.04 (k) – Interments
17-217-11/27 – Environmental Engr. Services – Champion Creek Multi-Purpose Path
17-218-11/27 – Modification #1 to Agreement w/DLZ – S. Elmwood Bridge Replacement

Streets & Sidewalks Committee

17-219-11/27 – Sidewalk Installations – Various Locations (Kolesar)

Special Legislation Committee

17-220-11/27 – Amend City Charter to Include Term Limits (Lamb)

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor, reported the following:

- 1) Root Candle sponsored our 33rd Annual Candlelight Walk - Tree and downtown lighting November 17th. All went well and Square was crowded Friday and Sunday. Thanks to each Council member, Keith, Jonathan, and Kimberly for attending as well as Senate Representative Larry Obhof, Rep. Steve Hambley, and County Commissioner Bill Hutson. Our tree lighting crew was Nino Piccoli and his son Vinny, Andre Goe, Jansen Wehrley, Curtis Wellock, Joe Grubis, and John Coyne, IV. Great show of what makes Medina so special!
- 2) Leaf Program - Staff will continue to gather leaves, weather permitting, into and through the month of December. Program has gone much better this year with additional truck/crew and cooperative weather without ice/snow. The sooner residents may get the leaves to the curbs, the better the chances of us getting them collected before adverse weather prohibits us from continuing.
- 3) Medina Hospital/Cleveland Clinic- I was at a meeting at Medina Hospital November 16th and it was announced the hospital is doing a \$4.1 million renovation to the former birthing unit to create a new surgical care unit. The hospital further advised that including this proposed \$4.1 million renovation and other projects ongoing at Medina Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic has invested ~\$105 million in the Medina Hospital and adjacent medical buildings. I share this to alleviate concerns with MH/CC further removing services from our community.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, stated the city is switching from CCA to RITA effective January 1st, 2018. Between now and the end of the year, please continue to make any appropriate payments to CCA. Final Budgets with the healthcare numbers are distributed and we will be meeting on those soon to finalize that.

Greg Huber, Law Director, had no report.

Chief Kinney, Police Chief, stated on November 2nd, Sergeant Brian Wagner was promoted to the position of Sergeant he is assuming command of the weekend day shift. A position was offered to Omar Vasquez, and he was sworn in and he has started his position in FTO and he will be training for the next 12 weeks. Chief Kinney stated they had no issues or problems during the Candle Light Walk this past weekend. He thanked the Specials Unit, they were out all three days helping direct traffic as well as the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association members.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, had no report.

Jonathon Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report.

Chief Painter, Fire Department, had no report.

Mike Wright, Recreation Center Director, reminded seniors in the community that they may already be qualified for a free membership and Silver Sneakers programming at the Medina Rec through the Tivity Health Program (formerly known as Healthways). Over 2,000 seniors already registered for this program and there are still a lot more eligible in the County. To see if you are eligible, call the front desk at 330-721-6900 or stop in at the rec and they can assist you. The last Rec Advisory Committee meeting of the year will be Thursday, December 21st, at 7:30 a.m.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, reported the Building Dept. is extremely busy for this time of the year, there are currently under some phase of construction, 12 large commercial and industrial projects. They consist of 8 new buildings and 4 additions to existing buildings, and the construction costs for these projects range from \$1 million up to \$15 million dollars.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, absent.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated that ODOT's US 42 project (North Court Street) north of Reagan Parkway is essentially complete, there is some lighting work to be done still. South of Reagan, they are still installing the storm sewer by Highland and will continue until early January and resume in March to finish the entire southern section. The Sidewalk Repair Program is nearly complete. Contractor should finish this week. Invoices should be distributed in January. North Harmony Bridge is expected to open later this week if everything goes as planned. West Smith Bridge will not open until mid-December. Mr. Patton stated he will give an update on the South Prospect Street Waterline Project, which he will address during the Ordinance.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, was absent and had no report.

Confirmation of Mayor's Appointments

Uptown Park Advisory Committee:

Melanie Kasten-Krouse (exp. 12/31/20)
Mike Larabee (exp. 12/31/20)
Roger Smalley (exp. 12/31/20)

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointments for Uptown Park Advisory Committee, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Shade Tree Commission: Dale Weygandt (exp. 12/31/21)

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment for Shade Tree Commission, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Economic Development Committee: Julie McNab (exp. 12/31/21)

Mr. Shields moved to confirm the Mayor's appointment for the Economic Development Committee, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Notices, Communications and Petitions:

There were none.

Unfinished Business:

There was none.

Introduction of Visitors:

There were none.

Introduction and Consideration of Ordinances and Resolutions:

Ord. 167-17

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for Health Care Insurance for the employees of the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 167-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 167-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated that due in part to the wellness initiative that the City and Schools both participate in with collaboration with Medina Hospital, as well as an improved claims history, we saw no increase this past year. Medical Mutual came in at greater than 7% less than what we paid in 2016 and 2017, saving the City greater than \$150,000.00, and we respectfully ask Council to approve the move to Medical Mutual. Emergency clause is needed to get plans out to the employees and get insurance cards issued. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and

was approved by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 167-17 passed by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 168-17

An Ordinance amending Section 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio, relative to the job description for the Building & Properties Custodian position. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 168-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated they had a position at City Hall for a Building and Properties Custodian position and that position was eliminated, and the job description went along with it. It was recently determined through Civil Service that there was still a position with the same job description and the same pay rate at the Municipal Court, so we need to reinstate that job description and position.. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 168-17 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Ord. 169-17

An Ordinance amending Section 31.05 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 169-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated all of the department heads appointed by the Mayor are also confirmed by Council with the exception of the Police Chief. With our recent promotion of Chief Kinney, it was determined that it is very important that the Mayor and Council be on the same page for a position of this importance. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 169-17 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 170-17

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to solicit Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for Drug Screening and Associated Professional Services for the employees of the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 170-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 170-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated that annually we go back out to accept quotes to get the best price for the City for our drug free work place, both training and testing, and we need to do this as quickly as possible because the current contract runs out December 31st. Emergency is needed due to the short time frame. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 170-17 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 171-17

An Ordinance authorizing the expenditure of \$75,000.00 to various vendor/contractors for the emergency transfer of water service laterals on S. Prospect Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 171-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 171-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated this project consists of the transfer of several water service laterals on South Prospect Street from an old 4 inch waterline to a newer 8 inch waterline. As an update the

project was started last Monday. There are a total of 45 customers on S. Prospect and of those 45, thirty-one were on the old 4 inch and need to be transferred over. As of this afternoon 21 of the 31 have already been transferred and there are 10 more to go. We expect the project to be completed later this week. There are only 5 that have galvanized waterlines between our main and their house. Most of them, if not all of them, will be transferring waterlines to copper. Emergency clause is needed so we can get this done as quickly as possible due to discolored water. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 171-17 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 172-17

An Ordinance authorizing the increase of expenditure to Lake County Sewer Co. to \$55,000 for the Street Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 172-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the City Street Department and the contractor are working together in an effort to repair numerous storm sewer issues throughout the city. Passing this ordinance will allow the Streets Department to continue that effort with many pipes needing attention. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 172-17 passed by the yea votes of M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and B. Hilberg.

Ord. 173-17

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Agreement with the property owner of MCL #5934 to share the costs to install sidewalk abutting the property on Foundry Street. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 173-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 173-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. We've completed part of the sidewalk down to Bronson with the recent reconstruction project on Foundry and they started to pull together the effort to complete the rest of that which is about 1,300 foot of sidewalk. They came to find out that one of the large property owners in that section is planning to do a project in the relatively near future to develop the property, and it occurred to us that at that time we would require them to install these sidewalks. We met with the property owners and came to an agreement which will allow us to get these sidewalks done as soon as possible, weather permitting, and also save both of us money. They have agreed to share 50% of the cost for the sidewalk along their frontage. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 173-17 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, and M. Kolesar.

Ord. 174-17

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 167-16, passed December 12, 2016. (Amendments to 2017 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 174-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated most of these are donations that we have received and in order to spend the money that we received in donations, we have to have it appropriated by the council. The big one is for the court's new case management system and comes from court funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 174-17 passed by the yea votes of J.

Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb and P. Rose.

Ord. 175-17

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept a Contract for Sale and Purchase of Real Property and an Easement Agreement for the Guilford Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Project (Parcels #1 WD and #1 CH) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 175-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 175-17, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated the emergency clause is needed because this is a key part to our getting approval through ODOT for our Guilford Blvd. Bridge Reconstruction, we need to close on this acquisition by the end of this week. Mr. Patton and Mr. Kolesar thanked Mrs. McKee for her cooperation and quick response to us. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 175-17 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, B. Hilberg, M. Kolesar, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Council Comments:

Mr. Lamb thanked the Scouts for being here tonight.

The annual Holiday Home Tour sponsored by the Community Design Committee is Sunday, December 3rd. Tickets sales are at AI Root, Miss Molly's, Cool Beans, Boyert's Greenhouse and the Medina County Visitor's Bureau. There are five houses. One of them is a carriage house that was converted to a home sometime about the 1940's.

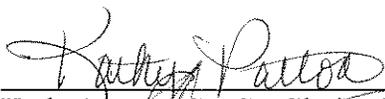
Mr. Simpson commended the Department Heads who were involved with the success of the past candle light walk.

The Leaf Program is such an asset to our residents, but also it's important to know when you rake those leaves to the curb, please make sure they don't overflow into the street. We need to keep them out of our storm water system.

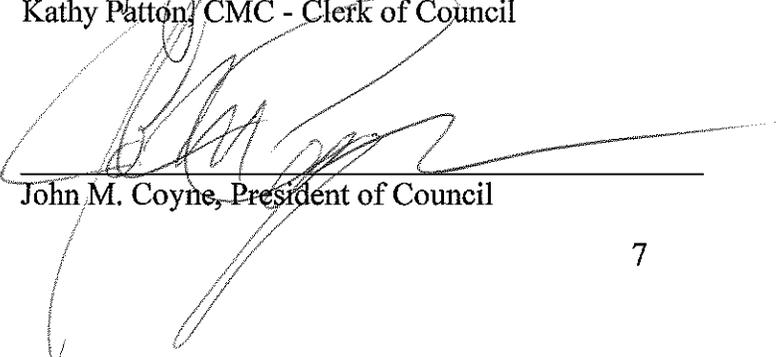
Mr. Coyne stated the final budget meeting is Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.



Kathy Patton, CMC - Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council

