

MEDINA CITY COUNCIL

Monday, July 12, 2021

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, July 12, 2021 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Council President John Coyne III who led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. E. Heffinger was absent.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Dennis Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Patrick Patton, Nino Piccoli, Jonathan Mendel, Kimberly Marshall, Police Chief Kinney, Fire Chief Walters, Jansen Wehrley, Dan Gladish, Cindy Lastuka and Acting Clerk Teresa Knox.

Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021, as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and the motion passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to this evening's Council meeting. Council will be going on break until August 23rd.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson had no report.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields stated that Public Properties met last Wednesday, July 7th. Two items on the agenda were Rebranding and Marketing for the Rec Center and the other was a Master Plan to move forward with a Master Plan for Ray Meller Park.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Lamb stated he has a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 24th at 5:00 p.m. to work on two issues, proposal on demolition and second is proposal on feral cat management.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Mr. Heffinger was not in attendance.

Water & Utilities Committee: Mrs. Hazeltine had no report.

Emerging Technologies Committee: Mr. Rose is working on scheduling a meeting for late August or early September to have a joint Emerging Technology Committee and the Charter Review Committee to work out the details of the proposed Charter Review Advisory Committee recommendations

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

21-143-7/12 – American Rescue Plan Act Documents

21-144-7/12 – Grant Application – Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC)

21-145-7/12 – Approve Community Development Director Job Description Revision
21-146-7/12 – Amend S&B Code – Add Juneteenth as Federal Holiday

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor

- A. Medina Farmer's Market- Each Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- B. July 4th activities- All took place and were well received by the public. Fireworks on July 3 were outstanding. July Fourth Twin Sizzler races and parade all went well and were well attended as well. Thankful to be able to host such events again since COVID interrupted most for the past 15 months.
- C. Medina Community Band- Thanks for having first concert at Gazebo on July 4th at 7:30 p.m. I did a short welcome and most of the Uptown Park was filled with chairs, blankets and people. Many asked the band to continue and/or schedule more concerts. Band is still having difficulty in finding rehearsal location to practice.
- D. Thankful to parks staff for new plantings, mulch and over landscaping at city hall/PD to make our facilities more appealing. Looks much better.
- E. Thank you to Jonathan Mendel - Jonathan will be leaving the employment of the city on July 15th to take a position in Illinois. Jonathan has worked as our Community Development Director since October of 2013. In that position he has overseen the Building Department, Economic Development Department, as well as Planning, Zoning and Boards and Commissions. Jonathan will be missed and I wish him and his family much success and happiness in this new position. We appreciate your seven plus years of service to our city! In interim of hiring a replacement for Jonathan and Sandy, Greg Huber will assist with Boards and Commissions; Kimberly Marshall will assist with Comprehensive Plan update process; Dan Gladish will assist with permits and property maintenance concerns. We appreciate all assisting.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, wished Jonathon best wishes in Illinois. Finance is continuing to work on budgets and the bond issue is progressing along.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report but wished Jonathon Mendel best regards.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, stated that on August 10th 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. National Night Out Event will be hosted at the Medina Recreation Center, showcasing Police Officers, Fire fighters, Paramedics and their equipment. Life flight helicopter will be there as well as police canines. To include inflatables, hotdogs and a DJ and a great opportunity to come out and see all the public safety equipment and to get to know all our community public safety workers. Encouraged to register on the Medina Rec Center website under activities tab.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, the Fire Department has been working on a plan to cover some staffing hours that are not currently able to do. Fire department only staffs Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to midnight. Overnight and weekends they rely completely on fire fighters responding from home. This added shift will help them if they can add a shift on Saturday and Sunday running from

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8 a.m. to 4 p.m. (first shift). No start date currently.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, Ribbon cuttings are scheduled for Friday, July 23, 2021. Starting at 10 a.m. Bubbles and Bows – 119 Lafayette Rd., 11 a.m. – Habitat for Humanity Restore expansion project and new location at 233 Lafayette Rd., 1 p.m. – CSL Plasma – North Court St., 4 p.m. – Swine BBQ on 117 Public Square, 5 p.m. – Medina Brewing Company at 320 S. Court St. Kimberly wished Jonathon best wishes.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, updates from the rec center - there are 4 weeks of Party in the Parks left. Jungle Bob will be at Ray Mellert Park this Wednesday, and on the 21st Greenwood Park will have a luau party with a DJ. July 28th – Pool Party and DJ at Memorial Park and then finally Ray Mellert Park end of the summer party. Drive-in movie was postponed due to high winds and has been rescheduled for September 4th. Shut down is scheduled for August 2nd through the 6th in line with Fair Week.

When the leisure pool opens they will be looking to offer a membership sale in August.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, spoke of continued reinvestment into North Court Street; Giant Eagle will be doing a major interior alteration project at \$1.5 million dollars.

Jonathan Mendel, Planning Community Director, had no report but wanted to thank everyone for having him be part of the process of Community Development in this community, everyone was very welcoming and knows that this is part of the DNA of Medina. He will always have a fondness for the community and for all the people in it and for all the personal and professional friendships that he has built over the last 7 ½ years here.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, had no report, wished Jonathon and his family well.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, stated he enjoyed working with Jonathon the last 7 1/2 years and wished him well going forward.

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:

Mr. Shields moved to suspend the rules requiring three readings on the following ordinances and resolutions, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Ord. 113-21, Ord. 114-21, Res. 115-21, Ord. 116-21, Ord. 117-21, Res. 118-21, Ord. 119-21, Ord. 120-21, Ord. 121-21, Ord. 122-21, Ord. 123-21, Ord. 124-

21, Ord. 125-21, Ord. 126-21 and Ord. 127-21. The roll was called and the motion passed with the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 113-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Medina and the Ohio Patrolman's Benevolent Association adding June 19th (Juneteenth) as a Federal holiday. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated President Biden signed on June 17th making June 19th a holiday quite late in the afternoon. We were unable to notify the public in a timely manner to shut down and worked the holiday. Mayor meet with the unions and worked out a Memorandum of Understanding for this year only to permit this to be a floating holiday instead of having to pay every city employee an extra 8 hours pay because they worked the holiday as well as the holiday pay. Going forward, it will be recognized on the 19th of June. Request for emergency is due to timely manner with council not coming back until the end of August. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 113-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 114-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.07 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to accepting the revised job description for the Community Development Director. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated they want to change the job description to include the provisions like every other job in the city that they have to be a licensed driver in the State of Ohio and also have to be insurable under the City's insurance. Somehow the Community Development Director was missed with that. Emergency clause is necessary to begin advertising for the position. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. 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, J. Hazeltine and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 114-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Res. 115-21:

A Resolution accepting a donation of various hand sanitizer equipment, hand sanitizing products and antibacterial wipes from Do It Best Corp. to the City of Medina. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli thanked Do It Best and specifically Ryan Stannert for their generous donation. The donations have a street value of \$150,000.00. Nino stated they intend to share the items and materials with the County Fair folks, venues that have large groups, and government agencies. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 115-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 116-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept one (1) Easement necessary for the Spring Grove Street Bridge Replacement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated they need one more easement on Spring Grove St. Mr. Shields will abstain from voting since this involves his employer and he was involved with it. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 116-21 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and D. Simpson. J. Shields abstained.

Ord. 117-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 112-21, passed June 28, 2021 relative to the Amendment to the Charter of the City of Medina, Ohio involving Article V, Sections 1 and 3, and Article III, Section 12, relative to the position of the Director of Finance. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Huber stated that this legislation addresses putting the question before the Medina City voter as to Finance Director position being an elected position as opposed to an appointed position and the ordinance today removed the language requiring that this individual be a Medina City resident so that it opens up the candidate pool to a broader range of people. Mr. Simpson stated he will again be voting no on this due to his belief that this should remain an elected position. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 117-21 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine. D. Simpson cast a nay vote.

Res. 118-21:

A Resolution accepting an anonymous \$7,000 donation to be used towards the Medina City Police Department Drone Program. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this was an anonymous donation of \$7,000.00 for the Police Departments' Drone Program. We would like to thank that community member for their generosity of the donation. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 118-21 passed by the yea votes of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 119-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Amendment to Service Order with First Communications, LLC to upgrade the existing telephone system at the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy Lastuka stated they are looking to upgrade the phone system pending the Law Director's approval on the contract. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 119-21 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb.

Ord. 120-21:

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 103-18, passed July 9, 2018, relative to the Job

Creation Grant agreement for Kraft Werks Engineering, LLC. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mrs. Marshall stated this is to amend the Job Creation Grant agreement. The company discovered the annual payroll on a number of jobs estimated in their initial application had been miscalculated due to some employees living and working out of state being their field service technicians, as well as their officers of the company do not count towards the headcount and wages to the city payroll. This will reduce the fulltime positions from 45 to 32 and annual payroll will reduce from \$3,000.010.00 to \$2,000.100.00 and also amend grant term from 6 years to 5 years. The amended grant agreement has been reviewed and approved by the Law Director. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 120-21 passed by the yeas votes of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 121-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Preliminary Engineering Agreement between the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railway Company and the City of Medina, Ohio pertaining to the West Smith Road, Phase 4 Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated as part of these plans we have to do some work within the railroad right-of-way at their crossing. In order for us to secure the railroad permission via permit they are asking us to enter into this agreement so they can review the plans. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 121-21 passed by the yeas votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields.

Ord. 122-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Medina County Board of Commissioners relative to water service on State Route 18. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated in conjunction with ODOT State Route 18 Corridor Improvement Project, the City is wanting to abandon the large water main that did run from the east side near the water treatment plant into the city, the watermain is no longer necessary because we now get our water from the west side and presents a liability. We have to transfer several water service customers from the city lines to the county line. We worked out a Memorandum of Understanding with the County where each of us equally shares the cost to do those transfers. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 122-21 passed by the yeas votes of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 123-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) Easements necessary for the Lindenwood Headwall Replacement Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Patton stated that the existing headwall on Lindenwood needs to be replaced and requiring these two easements will allow us to go ahead and complete this project. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 123-21 passed by the yeas votes of J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 124-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2022 Freightliner 108 SD Conventional

Chassis Plow Trucks complete with Henderson Dump Bodies and Equipment from Valley Freightliner and Western Star, Inc. for the Street Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli explained this would be through the state bid. They intend to trade in the 1997 plow truck and a 2000 plow truck for \$5,000.00 each and that is more than what they would get in the city auction. There is a chance they may not see these trucks until March of 2022 due to the chip issues. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 124-21 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Ord. 125-21:

An Ordinance to approve, adopt and enact current replacement pages to the Codified Ordinances of the City of Medina, Ohio. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 125-21 passed by the yeas of B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and J. Hazeltine.

Ord. 126-21:

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute the necessary documents required to receive monies from the American Rescue Plan Act and to execute the Assurances of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this act, as well as the assurance of compliance, will need to be signed before we can be granted access to the portal. Some of the requirements are still being hammered out with the Federal Government as far as what monies can be used for. Emergency clause is requested so we can get entered into the portal and be ready when the funds are available. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of P. Rose, J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, and B. Lamb. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 126-21 passed by the yeas of J. Shields, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, and P. Rose.

Ord. 127-21:

An Ordinance amending Section 31.10 of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to adding the nineteenth day of June (Juneteenth) as a Federal Holiday. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-21, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mayor Hanwell stated this is the same explanation as Ordinance 113-21 but this applies to non-union City employees as well as Teamsters. Emergency is needed due to time restrictions. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yeas of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, and J. Shields. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 127-21 passed by the yeas of J. Coyne, J. Hazeltine, B. Lamb, P. Rose, J. Shields, and D. Simpson.

Council Comments:

Mr. Simpson wished Jonathon Mendel and his family all the best in Chicago. Sorry that the City is going to lose your expertise here. Dennie stated he was hoping Jonathan's kids would grow up

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to be Medina Bees through their entire education process. Be kind to everyone and try to do something kind for somebody every day.

Mrs. Hazeltine wished Jonathon the best of luck in Chi Town.
Congratulated the Rec Center on new Paddle Classes which are sold out the rest of summer.
The Wizarding Weekend on the square begins July 30th.
Cool Beans will host a Harry Potter Themed Calligraphy Class taught by her.
The movie on the square which has been sponsored by Cool Beans will be on the 31st.

Mr. Shields thanked Mr. Mendel and will miss him and his professionalism and expertise. His knowledge was always helpful in every situation in which he dealt with him. Jim stated on a personal note, he will also miss Johnathon's family because he got to know Cheryl and the boys through the schools.

Jim spoke of the activities held on and around the Square for the 4th of July weekend and thanked everyone involved from the Band concert to the Parade to the Fireworks. His out of town family were amazed at how much went on here over the weekend, his sister-in-law said to him; this has got to be the most all-American town she's ever been to with all the great events.

Mr. Lamb is looking forward to the kick-off update of the Comprehensive Plan that begins on July 22nd. Bill appreciates having worked with Johnathon on putting this together. He and Councilman Rose are the council representatives on the committee. Bill wished the best for Johnathon and his family in Chicago.


Art in the Park started in 1974, and this year it is on Sunday in the square.

Mr. Rose thanked Jonathon and enjoyed working with him. He extended his sympathy to Janet Jetson on the loss of their son Jay, he will be missed.

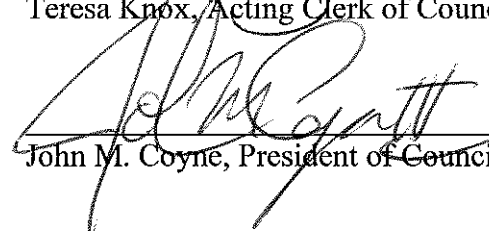
Mr. Coyne stated Johnathon will be missed here at the City of Medina and of course also at the Medina County model railroading club that your son Luke was involved in and his son John is involved in. Building those modules for the fair was a great experience.

Mr. Coyne announced Council will be going on break for the summer and next council meeting is scheduled for August 23rd but he is sure they will still be working through the break as they always do as some issues will come up.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Teresa Knox, Acting Clerk of Council



John M. Coyne, President of Council