MEDINA CITY COUNCIL Monday, August 25, 2025

Call to Order:

Medina City Council met in regular session on Monday, August 25, 2025 at Medina City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council John Coyne III, who also led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

The roll was called with the following members of Council present: P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Also present were the following members of the Administration: Mayor Hanwell, Greg Huber, Keith Dirham, Nino Piccoli, Chief Kinney, Janson Wehrley, Kathy Patton, Jarrod Fry, Andrew Dutton and Kimberly Marshall.

Reading of Minutes:

Mr. Shields moved that the minutes from the regular meeting on July 14, 2025 as prepared and submitted by the Clerk be approved, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called and minutes were approved with the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose

Reports of Standing Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Coyne stated the Finance Committee met prior to Council this evening and will meet again in two weeks.

Public Properties Committee: Mr. Shields had no report but is working with Jansen Wehrley to schedule a Public Properties meeting.

Health, Safety & Sanitation Committee: Mr. Simpson stated he and the Mayor attended the Life Support Team Advisory Board quarterly meeting on Thursday.

Special Legislation Committee: Mr. Rose had no report.

Streets & Sidewalks Committee: Ms. Haire had no report.

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

Emerging Technologies Committee: Ms. DiSalvo stated she is working on boosting Armstrong WIFI around the square for events. Armstrong is informed and they are working on it but with fiber networks coming in there has been a delay and also trying to make sure that anything they put up on the square matches the architecture.

Requests for Council Action:

Finance Committee

25-155-8/25 – Amend Ord. 162-22, Municipal Deer Control Permit Fee

25-156-8/25 - Adopt Citizen Participation Plan - Community Development

25-157-8/25 – Adopt Residential Anti-Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan

25-158-8/25 – Extend Parking Agreement w/ Medina Supply – Community Development

25-159-8/25 - Accept Grant Funding - Veteran's Treatment - Municipal Court

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- 25-160-8/25 Uncollectible Utility Account Write-off
- 25-161-8/25 Transfer Special Assessment Bond Retirement Fund Balance
- 25-162-8/25 Amend S&B Code, Section 31.13 (1)(J) Police
- 25-163-8/25 Adopt Medina County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan Fire Dept.
- 25-164-8/25 2025 City Auction
- 25-165-8/25 Increase P.O. #25-1375 Rescue Painting MCRC
- 25-166-8/25 Vacate City R-O-W from SFX Church Property
- 25-167-8/25 Budget Amendments
- 25-168-8/25 Fund Transfers Unclaimed Monies
- 25-169-8/25 Fund Transfer Annual Parking Fund
- 25-170-8/25 Accept Easements, Prospect St. Bridge
- 25-171-8/25 Contract Adjustment, Medina Municipal Courthouse
- 25-172-8/25 Medina Meow Fix Funding Request
- 25-173-8/25 \$50,000 Exp to Next Step Up Shelter

Reports of Municipal Officers:

Dennis Hanwell, Mayor,

Welcome back to Council!

Sunday, August 24th he attended the Annual Community Alliance Project at Mellert Park. In attendance were Mr. Shields, Mr. Simmons, and Sheriff Grice. It is a great community event for the north west residents with support of many non-profits, Medina School Board and Safety forces members form City and County. Thankful to Rev. Mike Wilson for organizing, planning and hosting.

State of City to Council is on Monday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. (Finance will be a little earlier) State of City to the Greater Medina Area Chamber of Commerce at Williams on the Lake, Tuesday, September 9th at 11:30 a.m.

Events on the Square:

- Farmer's Market 9 a.m. 1 p.m. started May 17th and continues every Saturday to October 4th
- Cars and Coffee on the square Sunday, August 31st 8 a.m. noon.
- Spirits of the Past, September $3^{rd} 6^{th}$ 7 p.m. -10 p.m.
- Tunnel to Towers Walk and Run, Sunday, September 7th 7 a.m. noon
- Medina Fall Festival, Saturday, September 27th 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Keith Dirham, Finance Director, Keith stated there are items on the agenda he will discuss.

Greg Huber, Law Department, had no report.

Kimberly Marshall, Economic Development Director, August ribbon cuttings were held for Cool Beans Café, Acme Fresh Market, Davis Park School of Arts, and Hemmingway Underground Crafted Cocktail Bar and Restaurant.

Working through Job Creation Grant monitoring process and will have report later this year.

Chief Kinney, Police Department, Chief reminded motoring public that kids are back in school and to please keep your eye out for children walking and crossing streets and for buses.

Cindy Lastuka, Municipal Court, had no report.

Nino Piccoli, Service Director, Nino had no report.

Patrick Patton, City Engineer, Absent.

Chief Walters, Fire Department, updated everyone on the two firefighters that were injured last Wednesday night while working on a residential structure fire in Montville Twp. Both are at home recovering and doing well.

Retired Medina Fire Lt. Bob Kiley passed away this last weekend.

Visitation – Thursday, August 28th 5-8 p.m. Waite and Sons in Medina. Service is Friday at noon.

Andrew Dutton, Community Development Director, had no report.

Jansen Wehrley, Parks and Recreation Director, Jansen stated the locker room renovation project at the Rec Center is delayed as they are seeing some material issues. Hoping to get this completed by September 13th.

The Memorial Pool last weekend of the year is this weekend.

Splashpads will also be closing after Labor Day.

Dan Gladish, Building Official, had no report.

Notices, communications and petitions

There were none.

Unfinished Business

There is 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: Res. 130-25, Res. 131-25, Ord. 132-25, Ord. 133-25, Res. 134-25, Ord. 135-25, Res. 136-25, Ord. 137-25, Ord. 138-25, Ord. 139-25, Ord. 140-25, Ord. 141-25. The role was called and motion passed with the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields

Res. 130-25

A Resolution authorizing the filing of a grant application to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for a COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 130-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this is to authorize applying for and accepting this grant. The Community Oriented Policing Services would strengthen community relations, enhance outreach programs and improve trust between the department and residents. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution

No. 130-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

Res. 131-25

A Resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of the Probation Community Corrections Act Grant (CCA) renewal for the period of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027 for the Medina Municipal Court. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Cindy stated this is a renewal grant for one full time probation officer and one part time probation officer. The next ordinance is kind of attached to this. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 131-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 132-25

An Ordinance amending Section 31.02 (B) (6) of the Salaries and Benefits Code of the City of Medina, Ohio relative to the Municipal Court Probation Grant Positions. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 132-25 passed by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo.

Ord. 133-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to accept two (2) Easements necessary for the West Smith Water Line Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli spoke for Mr. Patton stating in order to complete the replacement of the waterline on West Smith Rd. the city needs to acquire several easements. The emergency clause is needed as the property owner signed the easement prior to council summer break and we would like to get that recorded as soon as possible. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 133-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose.

Res. 134-25

A Resolution authorizing an application for grant assistance with the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for the State Road Reconstruction project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Nino stated this is to submit the grant application to OPWC for the reconstruction of State Road Phase One. The grant is for \$632,000.00. If awarded the city share of the \$3.2-million-dollar project will be \$1.45 million. The grant application is due on September 5th. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 134-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields

Ord. 135-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to advertise for competitive bids and to award a contract to the successful bidder for the Medina Street Bridge Project. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Piccoli stated the estimate for the project is \$677,000.00. The city was previously awarded a grant for this project in the amount of \$432,000.00, the city share for the project will be \$245,000.00. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 135-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

Res. 136-25

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to file an application for grant assistance from the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), for the Police Department. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 136-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Chief Kinney stated this software system is designed to improve 911 call handling as dispatch decision making. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 136-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons and D. Simpson.

Ord. 137-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Fitness Partnership Agreement with Peerfit, Inc., dba FitOn Health to offer fitness class privileges to their clients at the Medina Community Recreation Center. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 137-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Wehrley stated this would allow them to enter into a fitness partnership with Peerfit dba FitOn Health. This program includes both a membership and a monthly flex pass for programs. Reimbursement is based on daily scans and we forward a monthly scan report. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 137-25 passed by the yea votes of N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, and J. Coyne.

Ord. 138-25

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 162-22, passed September 12, 2022 by repealing Section 2, relative to the stand location fee for the Municipal Deer Control Permit. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 138-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Shields moved that the emergency clause be added to Ordinance/Resolution No. 138-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Jansen Wehrley stated Section 2 was originally included with the ordinance to defray expenses incurred with the management of municipal deer control permit process. We are now requesting to remove that to take out an additional barrier that was required for participants in the program. The emergency clause is requested because applications are currently being accepted and the season starts September 27th. The roll was called on adding the emergency clause and was approved by the yea votes of R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, and N. DiSalvo. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 138-25 passed by the yea votes of P. Rose, J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, and R. Haire.

Ord. 139-25

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. 139-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. This is the annual codification update. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 139-25 passed by the yea votes of J. Shields, C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire and P. Rose.

Ord. 140-25

An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 209-24, passed November 25, 2024. (Amendments to 2025 Budget) Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 140-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Mr. Dirham stated there are some items from the Rec Center which Jansen addressed, some have to do with unclaimed funds and then there are some adjustments within funds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 140-25 passed by the yea votes of C. Simmons, D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose and J. Shields.

Ord. 141-25

An Ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make certain fund transfers. Mr. Shields moved for the adoption of Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-25, seconded by Mr. Simpson. Keith stated these are unclaimed funds, the annual subsidy to Parking Fund and moving the special assessment fund proceeds. The roll was called and Ordinance/Resolution No. 141-25 passed by the yea votes of D. Simpson, J. Coyne, N. DiSalvo, R. Haire, P. Rose, J. Shields and C. Simmons.

Council comments

Mr. Simpson – regards to Mr. Kiley.

Kickoff to election season begins next week. Mr. Simmons – Ward 1, Ms. Haire – Ward 3, Mr. Rose – Council at Large decided not to seek another term, Mayor Hanwell's term ends this year and the two candidates are John Coyne and Jim Shields with both having over 25 years-experience on council and more than well qualified. Educate yourselves by engaging their websites. Be Kind.

Ms. Haire – Summer and break has flown by. Reminded community Tues. Sept. 2nd city council wards 3 & 4 community meeting at 7 p.m. at Heritage school on Guilford Blvd. School is back in session. Be careful out there driving especially with all the deer.

Mr. Simmons - Shout out to Rev. Wilson - great family fun day event at Mellert Park.

Mr. Shields stated for the Ward 3 & 4 meeting we will be in the gymnasium. Thanked Rev. Wilson. Condolences to Mr. Kiley's family. Bob was his neighbor, known him his entire life.

Mr. Coyne – Thurs. Aug. 28th, City Hall 5 p.m. meeting with Medina Co. Planning Commission.

Adjournment.

Kathy Patton, Clerk of Council

John Coyne III, President of Council