

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2015**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Ms. Petersen

Absent and Excused: Mrs. George

Ms. Brandy made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Petersen to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes noted of the February 3, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Reminder for council members Ohio Ethics Commission is due by April 15th.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jeff Tanner: Would just like to be updated on the \$400,000 bond issuing ordinance that has been passed at the last council meeting.

What triggers real property urgency? The need to keep it quiet until you can get it done. If word gets out the city is purchasing property and it starts a price increase thinking they can get bigger dollars out of the city. This makes for an urgency.

Basically this is borrowing to make something happen that without the funds we couldn't purchase the properties. Uptown is now the focus.

The city has been working with Xavier University for a few years. We have brought in developers and they will guide us to what can be done up there. They won't invest in something that won't work. That is down the road. We don't have a developer right now.

The \$400,000 is basically coming from what we sold the Duvall Property for, which we will be remaining with the same amount of debt and using those funds to purchase these properties.

The City goes to a bond council and they guide us through the process. He looks at our debt capacity and what we can borrow and what we can do. The different types of bonds that are used depends on the type of project. Their recommendation was a general obligation bond, which is a one year renewable.

How does this bond relate to the property tax? This is on the good faith and credit of the city. The city has to have that money budgeted in our operating budget. It is not based on additional revenue. It is a loan to the city, not a bond that the taxpayer will have another levy to pay for. This is regulated through the Ohio Revised Code.

The city purchasing the buildings leave the decisions as to what happens to them up to all of us. The properties are for sale and who is to say that somebody could come along and buy the buildings and raise the parking lot the city rents from the Antique Mall building owner and triples the price from what we currently pay. This will allow the city and residents to decide what happens to these buildings.

Jim Lowenburg: These properties are The Antique Mall and building at corner of Kinney and Hamilton Avenue.

Is the intent to tear down these buildings?

No. Not right now. Anything is a possibility. There has been absolutely nothing decided on. Nothing has been presented to council members. There is no plan to do anything yet.

Is there notes from the meetings with Xavier and developers?

They were not recorded meetings. These were just brain storming, workshop type meetings. Everything goes in line with the comprehensive plan.

Council has not been presented with a plan. There is no secret plan out there. There has been nothing presented to council from these meetings that the administration has been too.

Now is the perfect time to get the community involved with this process.

There will be many meetings down the road to gather ideas and we will be hearing from residents.

Karen Arnett: These properties are two of the most solid looking structures in the business corridor.

The Antique Mall is known to folks from far outside our neighborhood.

The Barber shop in the building at Kinney and Hamilton is going to be celebrating 5 years in business. Both of these two businesses are hubs for folks coming into our community.

The city will not be putting anybody out of business. There is no plan to do anything at this point.

Tommy Mayes: one of the co-owners of Precision Blendz. Getting ready to celebrate 5 years at this location. Everybody is family at the shop. Would just like to get clarification on what is going to happen to the business.

Nobody is going to run you out of business or make you move.

The city is already working with the property management company to continue working out the same deal you already have existing. That will continue.

We are happy you are here. Next time you have a question come up and talk to us.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Bargaining: James Wolf; the Sergeant and Full-Time Police Officers contracts are being voted on tonight.

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday.

- Chief Demasi was there to introduce himself to the business community. He spent about a half hour talking about his background, crime, and recent criminal activity going on in the city. Also, about his ideas for the future of the police force.
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy is in the planning stage. It will be September 12th in the park.

Events/Park: James Wolf; the summer schedule is almost finalized. Most of the credit going to Ray and Monica for putting it together. They do still need sponsors for each event. This is just to be a point person to make sure the little things are taken care of.

Mt. Healthy Alliance: Jenny Moody; the alliance serves 600 families a month. It is amazing what they do. They always need volunteers. Zone 231 is filled with kids. Donations of snacks or volunteering are needed. Good things going on there. Doing good work.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

The annual school pasta dinner is February 28th at the high school. A fundraiser for the Mt. Healthy Band Boosters. \$6 if purchased early, \$7 at the door. The different bands will be playing from 4-7pm.

Historical Society has a report:

- Received a grant for \$500 from W. E. Smith family. They purchased a projector and the rest on educational supplies.
- Started an education project with the 3rd graders at South Elementary.
- Christmas open house had about 60 people visit.
- Appointed a committee to work on the new strategic plan

Mt. Healthy Beautification Committee plant voucher sale is going on. There is a link to the form on the website. March 11th is the deadline.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

The street department have always painted the street lines ourselves. We share the truck with NCH. It is an old truck and it's getting harder to find parts for it. Went out and got a bid from the county to have our streets striped and they came back with a price of \$2900, which the last time we did it back in 2012 cost us \$4400.

The part-time patrolman contract is still being negotiated. Should have that to council for passing in the next couple of meetings. The two contracts being past tonight are the full time and sergeants. Not a whole lot has changed. The major points were salaries, health insurance, officer in charge rate increased by 20cents.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

January month end reports are in the packets.

Prep work has started on the 2014 GAAP Report.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1742: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute and agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing the Mt. Healthy Police Association Sergeants. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 15-1743: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute and agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing a bargaining unit of city employees in the classification of police officer. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 15-1744: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Numbers 593-0007-0004-00 and 593-0007-0050-00) and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 15-1745: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0006-00) and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-1070: A first reading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to participate in the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program on behalf of the City of Mt. Healthy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chief Demasi's first report is in the council packets. He did a great job on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor and Chief Demasi had first safety meeting with Assumption Church regarding the festival. Chief brought very good ideas to the table for the festival this year. Would like to get the word out on the radio that it is a family event.

The snow over the weekend Gregg Cutter was out sick and Fire Chief, Steve Lawson was able to come in and plow for Gregg. They did a great job.

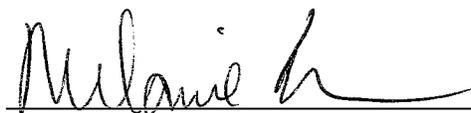
Jill Claire has a records commission update; there will be an extra meeting added each year. Right now the commission meets once a year. The date of this meeting will be determined; looking at around June.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council