

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 21, 2015

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody

Ms. Brandy made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. George to excuse the absent member. All in favor *motion carried.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire, Police Chief Vince Demasi

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the June 16, 2015 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CMHA will host a groundbreaking ceremony for its new development, Cary Crossing, July 24th from 10am to Noon. The site is located at 1411 Compton Road in Mt. Healthy. We are all invited to this event.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Nicole Chenault; Here to talk about her non-profit she started, WDISF – What do I stand for? Their mission is to promote positive changes within ourselves, as well as to support positive changes within our communities. Started a social co-op last fall with a group of mothers and kids. We were able to get the community room on Fridays. It started out with 7 moms and kids. Ending up having 35 kids and all the moms would plan activities to do each week. Next school year when we start back up it has expanded. We will do different themes. We are looking for some extra space for storage. Please LIKE us on Facebook to view our calendar of events at facebook.com/WhatDiSf

The Mad Science event that we hosted at the community center turned out great. Had about 50 people. They did a very good job. Would highly recommend having them back next summer.

Would be interested in planting 5 apricot trees in some green space in the city. Thinking that the lot across the street would be a great place to plant the trees. They grow to be about 8 feet tall.

Mr. Kocher doesn't think that would be the right spot because it was bought for land banking and would hate to get the trees matured and then need to use that land. Maybe we can find some other space around town. Behind the Board of Education building there is a tree nursery. That could be something to check into.

The World's longest yard sale is coming up during the August 6th weekend. Would like to see something set up in the business district.

Deborah Conradi; has prepared 12 packets for each council member regarding the Redline bar. Confused about a letter she received from the Ohio Department of Commerce. Need clarification on when a bar is in the process of being shut down who is the ultimate authority. They have not renewed their liquor license. It is a travesty. This is not a nice business. It's loud, dirty, fights break out often. What is going on with the bar? As a responsible citizen of this community when I see things not right I want to say something about because I want you to support the right thing to do.

Mr. Kocher, the city does not control the license. Council can contest a liquor license. The police department is aware of them not having a permit. The city is an applicable authority to file an objection for the permit not to rule on whether they get it. He does not have a liquor permit so he can't operate without one.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

- Chief Demasi was there to discuss their National Night Out coming up on August 4th at the community room. An event for the community and police to come together. Food, prizes, DJ. 5:30-8:00pm
- WeThrive is looking at doing a community market in Mt. Healthy.
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy on September 12th. There will also be a Classic Car Show prior to celebrate which will be held at the Mt. Healthy Christian Home. Celebrate starts at 3:00pm. Looking for volunteers and vendors.
- YottaQuest will be closing its doors on August 13th.
- Blood Drive, July 24th from 1-7 at Trinity Lutheran Church
- Mt. Healthy Christian Village will be having a concert on the patio on August 20th from 6:30-8:30pm. Light dinner and music

Historical Society; Minutes were read from the July 1st meeting. 12 people attended. They will be having a yard sale August 8th. Ice cream social, mule and wagon ride confirmed for Celebrate. Newest member is Paul Young Funeral Home. Looking at prices to get the windows cleaned and new gutters on the toll building. Newsletter will go out the end of July.

Events/Park Recreation: Jamie Wolf;

- Bingo had 35 people at the last. This year was more successful than ever.
- Movies and campouts the weather has not cooperated. The first two movies had to be cancelled. The campout was cancelled too.
- WeThrive has been discussing how to do a Farmer's Market in the city. We have found out it takes a lot of people to successfully run one. Looking at doing something similar. Any suggestions you would have email them to me.

Finance: Jenny Moody; .No Report. Mr. Kocher would like to set a meeting for 5:30 before the August 18th council meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

July 24th, Concert in the park, Moment 44 and Seven Hills Stomp will be playing. "Thanks" to Ray and Monica for putting this together.

July 24th CMHA will be having the Cary Crossing ground breaking ceremony.

July 3rd event went well. There was a big crowd.

Attended Lori Handler's retirement party and presented her with a key to the city. The Alumni Band performed.

August 4th is National Night Out with the police department.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Yard sale permit. Would like to have council make a motion to lift the permit for the August 6th weekend.

Mrs. George made a motion to lift the need to have a permit during the August 6th weekend. Mrs. Lingo seconded the motion. An aye vote carried.

Rumpke contract will be expiring 4/1/16. We will look to go out for bid this fall. Going to work together with CLG with 6 communities coming on board and will share the costs of the legal fees. Right now we charge \$46.15 per quarter.

RITA collects a retainer for the fees collected. For 2014 after reconciling we will be getting a refund in fees paid in, which is about \$10,000.

Shout out to Monica, she applied for a grant to do a study on our business district. We were awarded this grant.

We have been approached by family wanting to plant a tree in the park in memory of a lost loved one. We suggested doing a memorial plaque at a tree that is already planted. We will continue to work with the family to figure out something they would be happy with.

There have been two grants applied for. One would be to team up with Hamilton County Parks and Springfield Township on making a trail connect to Winton Woods from Mt. Healthy. It is a \$50,000 grant request. We have not heard back on this. There are some challenges because we would go through Seward and would need to get on private property for part of this. This is only a request.

When we receive packets or letters from folks for correspondence these records do not go with the approved minutes. Council can request that any letters be put in the minutes and those would be attached to the official minutes.

POLICE CHIEF: Vince Demasi

Chief is here this evening to discuss the overview of crimes for the city at mid-year for 2015.

- The camera system is now up and running. It has been proved to be extremely valuable.
- Heroin related issues continue to plague our community. Our police department has joined forces with other Hamilton County public safety forces in a coalition to fight heroin related issues.
- We are now filling our vacancies in the department. We are currently working to fill 6 open part time positions
- Mr. Kramer continues to work on records and property issues.
- National night out is celebrated nationally on the first Tuesday in August. Mt. Healthy police will celebrate its first annual event Tuesday, 8/4 at the community center. The event is designed to bring police and the communities together, build relationships, and stand united against crime.
- Mt. Healthy Officers are now equipped with personal recording devices. They are being used to record incidents. The system is working well.
- We are looking into a vehicle lease program. Need a vehicle as a first responder such as a suburban type vehicle. We would move the sergeants into the first responder vehicles.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

June month end reports are in the packets.

Audit is completed by Decosimo. There will be a mention regarding an incident with Mayors Court that happened during transition. It was too small to put in the report, but Decosimo will mention it when he presents the report to council.

There will be a meeting with the former Police/Mayors Court clerk. She will be consulting with us to better the way we handle Mayor's Court.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1752 An ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-1076 A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A "Thanks" to the city for repairing the curb at the corner of Hamilton and Kinney.

Goodies update – they have reported that everything we asked them to do they have done them. Things have improved there and have had less complaints.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Night Out will be August 4th. Come out and enjoy a night out.

Paul Young Funeral Home has really done a great job with their landscape. It looks beautiful on that corner.

Mr. Kocher would like to "Thank" everybody for all the kind words after the passing of his brother Jon Kocher.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. 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