

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
September 1, 2015

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf, and Finance Director Jill Claire, Chief Vince Demasi, Sergeant Greg Nolte

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the August 18, 2015 meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Tom Jeffcott, attorney with Brennan, Manna, & Diamond representing Aneidra Brooks-Smith on the liquor license at 7348 Hamilton Avenue. Mrs. Brooks-Smith is the new tenant and would like to speak on her behalf. This will be decided on with a resolution tonight and it is understanding that the police department is recommending on opposition for this liquor permit. The new tenant is trying to model like a BW3 wing restaurant, not a club scene, there will be no dj. Adding t.v.'s for sport games. Becoming family oriented. Will work to alleviate the previous problems that are associated with the bar. We know there has been problems in the past and with this ownership and change in concept. We should not blame her for others who have run the bar before her. She wants to turn the bar around.

Parking: Street parking on Hamilton and side streets. This has been a problem in the past.

The ownership of the building has not changed. Mrs. Brooks-Smith will be the tenant and rent from the previous owner of Redline. There is a mother-son relationship.

They would be open until 2:30am

Parker Smith, Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project; would like to introduce himself. He will be starting to increase his presence around the city. We are a group of neighbors who love our community and see its potential. It's already a wonderful place to live – an affordable, safe, walkable city. We celebrate our diverse population in a healthy environment. We envision an even more vibrant Mt. Healthy. Looking forward to working with the City. Board members are residents of the City. Does not have the list at this time. Would be more than willing to sit down with the Mayor, council, and City Manager.

Mr. Roetting would like to see a copy of the Articles of Operation.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Kathy Lorenz for the Mt. Healthy food pantry August's fundraiser raised \$165. "Thanks" everybody for their support. They served 539 families in August which amounted to 1,534 people receiving food. Let's continue this support.

Has a special request: A grandmother will be gaining custody of two young grandchildren and is in need of a toddler bed, high chair, toys and other items to help.

Bob Evans Fundraiser will be 9/2, 9/3, 9/4 from 6-9pm. This will benefit the Mt. Healthy Food pantry. Flyers will be in the administration office.

The Mistics played in the park last Friday. This was very well attended with around 200 people.

Trinity Lutheran Church has been serving free meals on Thursday night for 6 years. Everybody is welcome, Thursdays for 5:30-6:30pm. This Thursday there will be cake in celebration.

Mt. Healthy High School positive note is the football team is 1-0 with a win against Sycamore High School. Go Owls!!!

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

After the public hearing before the last council meeting met with several folks and ended up having a good meeting. Going to get back with our legal team regarding questions I am not sure of. We will continue to keep working on the vacant properties ordinance to get it in place.

Street projects is still an ongoing discussion. This time last year we applied for 3 projects. You prioritize those projects and put in different matches. The highest is Perry (north of Compton) is three quarters funded and very optimistic it will get approved. We applied for \$924,000 and received \$780,000. It could still come back that we could get this project fully funded. The application for next year is due on September 18th. We hope to be able to move this date. Next council meeting we will need 6 council members here to vote on this.

Two capital items:

Police department going to go into an SUV leasing program. This will be the supervisor's first response vehicle.

Street department has a 1998 dump truck and pricing a new one out is over \$100,000 used and may have a lot of miles. Gregg Cutter is looking at the cost to rebuild. The motor is still good. The bed needs replace. We would be looking at \$25,000 - \$30,000, which would be a significant savings.

First meeting in October plan for a work session regarding the vacant properties. We will get back on track and have a work session the first meeting of the month following the regular meeting. We need to get started on the tax ordinance, which will need to be passed by mid-November

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1753 A second reading of ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

Ordinance 15-1754 A second reading of ordinance amending the 2015 appropriations, and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

Ordinance 15-1755 A second reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-1077 A first reading of resolution to repeal City of Mt. Healthy, Ohio resolution number 15-1076.

Resolution 15-1078 A first reading of resolution opposing the issuance of a liquor license to the business at 7348 Hamilton Avenue under the name of Aneidra Brooks-Smith.

OLD BUSINESS:

Celebrate Mt. Healthy is September 12th. Kim Cremeans is in need of volunteers. Contact her if you are able to help.

NEW BUSINESS:

There needs to be another council meeting in order to pass resolution 15-1078. We will need at least 4 members. Council members decided on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00pm in council chambers.

Mr. Bittner would just like to bring up the traffic problem at Hamilton Avenue and St. Clair. When there is a funeral service people are parking on both sides of St. Clair and it becomes very hard to get by at that corner. Try to turn left onto Hamilton from St. Clair is dangerous. We need to start looking at the safety issues at this intersection.

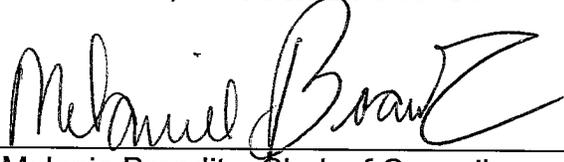
Mr. Kocher will follow up on this.

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 8:05 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council