

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 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: Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

Executive session called for pending litigation. Mrs. Moody made the motion to move into executive session and was seconded by Mr. Parsons.

A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0

Out at 7:05pm

Returned at 7:50pm

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 6, 2015 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from the Criminal Justice Program at NKU was sent to Mr. Kocher thanking Chief Demasi for speaking to 140 criminal justice students. His expertise and enthusiasm was certainly very beneficial for the students and there was nothing but positive comments about his presentation. Thank you for allowing him to share his knowledge in a most informative presentation.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday, October 12th.

- Trinity Lutheran Church is hosting a blood drive November 13th, 1-7pm
- The Arlington Memorial Gardens is creating a "Field of Memories" to serve as a special area of tribute and to foster appreciation for the men and women who have defended our nation and preserved our freedom. The flags will be displayed Memorial Day weekend. The cost is \$35 for a single 3'x5' flag.
- They discussed the Mt. Healthy Renaissance project.

Events/Park: James Wolf; Saturday is the Star Wars Trilogy in the park. Movies will start at 5:30pm and will begin indoors. If weather holds out we will move the movies outside. There will be food, beer, soft drinks for purchase. A costume contest.

A big "Thanks" to Ray and Monica for putting together a great summer of events.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Halloween is Saturday, October 31st. Trick or Treat will be 6pm-8pm.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

The gas aggregation program will end after March 2016 billing cycle. IGS Energy came back as lowest and best bidder. They are required to notify residents they can opt out every two years. There will be an ordinance at the next meeting to be passed regarding this.

Follow up on the \$20,000 mini grant for the development of the downtown business district. We have partnered with Mt. Healthy Business Association and Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project. We had a first meeting and it went very well. We listened to the different business owners. There were some good ideas and thoughts. We have the grant through June of 2016.

Status of the condemned properties. There are 2 properties that were condemned last year at this time. We didn't know when the funds would become available. The property at 2044 Adams will be demolished soon. 1514 Compton had the attorney come in with a lot of promises and nothing was delivered on. Funds are now available for this property. We have notified the owners and attorneys about this. We do plan on continuing with the bid process for demolition.

Perry Street has been funded in full. This will be an early spring project. Compton Road will be after July 2016 if the funds become available.

1481 Hill Street was purchased by the Port Authority. It has gone up for sheriff auction twice and not purchased. There is just too much work to be done. The land can go to either side of the homes if they are owner occupied. The plan is to demo this property.

The Military Banner program has run its course. We have not had a new banner purchased in a few years. After Veteran's Day the banners will be taken down. We will try to get these back to the owners. This has been a great program.

The work continues on the 2016 budget.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

September month end reports are in the packets.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1760: 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 Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 15-1759: A first reading of ordinance to create Chapter 39A of the codified ordinance of the City of Mt. Healthy regarding municipal income tax.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Compton Road from Hamilton Avenue going west to Harrison the curbs are crumbling away. This should be something we need to look at.

Mrs. George would like to "Thank" Mr. Kocher for putting out an email letting us know about the passing of Al Schaefer's mother.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fibonacci Brewing will be handing out candy and having a costume contest. Sweets and Meats BBQ food truck will be there. They will be open from Noon – 10pm

Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall began in 1990. They are the longest running non-profit haunted house around after the close of St. Rita.

We partnered with Springfield Township again for salt this winter. There is a slight price increase.


Perkins Dine to Donate will be October 21st. 20% will go to the Historical Society.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council