

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 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 Mr. Wolf to excuse the absent members. All in favor motion carried.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the November 3, 2015 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Council members received an invitation for Mt. Healthy Christian Village open house reception and ribbon cutting for the new Rehab Wing. This is really great for them. There are many good things going on there right now.

WeThrive recognition dinner. The City is invited. Thursday 12/3, 5:30pm at Woodlawn Recreation Center.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dawn Walter: Illegal activity in a home by renters, there should be something written in their lease regarding illegal activities and should be put out as soon as the owner becomes aware of this. There is a house on St. Clair that was involved in heroin and a shooting and the tenants are still living there. At what point as a community do we step up and put some pressure on the owner to get these people out.

Regarding this house it is still an ongoing investigation so not much can be said.

Nick Stenger: Regarding grants received for the park to fix the walking path around the ball fields and the stage completion. The cost to get this done seems way too high. We should not be taking these grants because it could help the deficit. We could fix these things in house and save a lot of money. The walking path is not that bad and could be fixed with our equipment and maintenance workers. It doesn't take \$90,000 to cover a stage. These things could just be done a whole lot cheaper if done in house.

The federal government is going to give the money away no matter if we take it or not. We use these funds to make improvements to our parks for the residents.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Student Council from Mt. Healthy South Elementary came to council this evening to make a presentation regarding the traffic issues on Werner Avenue before and after school. This has been a continuing problem since the school has opened. Mr. Tommy Mays and Simone Goggin were the presenters. They did a fabulous job.

Council will look at these ideas presented and work with the school in order to get this problem under control. Council "Thanks" the students for putting their project together.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday, November 9th.

- New director for the Mt. Healthy Alliance, Dr. Angela Williams introduced herself. Always looking for volunteers
- A representative from Hamilton County Developmental Disability Services looking for employment opportunities for handicap individuals.
- Open house at Mt. Healthy Christian Village. Everybody is invited from the community. The Christian home was voted Best of the North by Cincinnati Magazine
- Mt. Healthy Library was offered the old First Financial bank building to move the library. They turned this down due to the multiple levels. Looking for more space on one level.

Events/Park: James Wolf; WeThrive Mt. Healthy is one of 3 finalists for the Interactive Health Grant. The WeThrive group will be here Monday, December 7th from 6-8pm and we will be making a presentation to them. We hope to receive this grant and we wouldn't have to tell them upfront what we are spending the money on. We will hope to kick start the athletic youth program.

Finance: Jenny Moody; The finance committee met tonight. Would like to commend Bill and Jill and the department heads for keeping the budget ~~is tracked.~~ Thanks to those who attend the finance committee. **ON TRACK**

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Levy Committee annual filing will be due at the end of January.

Mt. Healthy Alliance will be doing the dollar match with the Stone Creek Meijer on Colerain. Pick up a Simply Give Campaign Card when you go through the checkout lane and let the cashier know how much you wish to donate. Meijer will then match your donation. Single Match days are Nov. 1-12, Nov. 15 – Jan 2. Double match days will be November 13 and November 14.

There will be an Executive session at the end of the meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Bids for Rumpke went out and were received back. Rumpke was the only bidder. Council agrees on their option #1. This will put us in a five year lock, which is a 5% increase up front and keep recycling every week. There will be an ordinance put together for the next council meeting. Our contract expires March 31, 2016.

We received a grant of \$4,199 to put recycling cans in the park. There is some city cost of the liners which will put the cost at \$5,607. This covers our match on the project. "Thanks" again to Monica.

There will be a meeting on 1514 Compton Road to discuss putting together an appeal hearing.

Need two answers from council to go back to the Port Authority on:

1503 St. Clair (corner lot). The Port has assessed the property for \$18,000. Habitat for Humanity is trying to get the property donated to them. The Port is willing to waive the lien if the City agrees.

- Council would like to know what the plan Habitat for Humanity has for the property. What type of home?

1481 Hill Avenue – Nick Stenger reached out to the Port and requested they sell him the house for what the tax lien is around \$4,800.

- Council recommends continuing with the original plan of the Port to demo.

Military Banners have been taken down and we are reaching out to folks to pick them up.

We should have the traffic study report of St. Clair at the next council meeting.

The budget is ready to get to council at the next meeting and to roll into County format.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

October month end reports are in the packets.

Budget will be ready for the next council meeting to take a first reading.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 15-1761: A second reading of ordinance authorizing the city manager to execute all actions necessary to support the continuation of a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio revised code, directing the city manager to extend the supply agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. to continue a natural gas aggregation program beyond March 31, 2016 when the current supply agreement ends and declaring an emergency. 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 15-1762: A second reading of ordinance amending ordinance 15-1751 (passed June 16, 2015), previously authorizing the establishment of an escrow fund with an escrow fund agent for the deposit of proceeds resulting from the sale of certain property located on Compton Road (commonly referred to as the remainder of the Duval property), and now providing for the deposit of sale proceeds of the remainder of the Duval property into an account to be used for capital expenditures and other authorized purposes and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 15-1082 The second reading of resolution declaring the City of Mt. Healthy to be a fiscal sponsor for WeThrive! Mt. Healthy in the event they receive a grant from interact for health and authorizing the city manager to sign contracts necessary to obtain and release funds. 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. George would just like to "Thank" Police Chief Demasi on the monthly reports. These are really helpful reports. The quality of our police department is on the rise.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

A motion was called for an Executive session regarding real estate by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Council moved into an Executive Session at 8:20pm

Council returned at 8:37pm

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 8:35 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council