

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 1, 2016

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, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen, Mrs. Dosa

Absent and Excused: Mr. Roetting

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the February 16, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

A meeting was held today regarding South Elementary with principal, staff, parents, and council representatives. Mr. Wolf encourages council to waive the two reading rule on tonight's legislation for Safe Routes to School in order to start this important work as soon as possible. We really need the professionals to advise how to rectify what is becoming a dangerous situation on Werner Ave. Mrs. Moody encouraged the principle to take stronger precautions sooner rather than later if he is being threatened.

The charter school's new dismissal system is working great so a solution is possible. We look forward to successfully resolving the issues South is having on Warner Ave.

Renaissance group forming as CDC and they are making great efforts in our community. Mr. Wolf is pleased with the open communications and looks forward to continuing to work with them.

Alliance dine to donate this Wednesday/Thursday/Friday at Bob Evans.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

The history of the no parking uptown from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. is being looked into. Would like to remove signs so employees can park near entrance where lighting is good. Mr. Bittner thought the signs were from when parking meters used to be in place to prevent 24/7 parking. The Business Association is vetting the proposal of removing the signs to find out if there are any concerns.

Met with new law director to revisit the vacant/foreclosed property registration and rental registration/inspection. Would like to revise vacant/foreclosed property registration to be only applicable to properties that are both vacant AND foreclosed. Would like to keep the rental registration program. The rental inspection program is not working and would like to repeal it to get it off the books (legislation in April).

Tree Commission report was read; they are doing great work in our community.

PHIRL will present responses to list of council's questions at our March 15 meeting.

Red Line – no update on the status of their liquor permit request.

Street Engineer – schedule of work forthcoming.

Park Improvements – bids open tomorrow.

Work Session – there will be a brief work session tonight to discuss the street sweeper and police records/evidence room.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 16-1776 An ordinance amending Chapter 153.33 Section 304.2 to the City of Mt. Healthy Property Maintenance Code. Second reading tonight. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1777 An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to Establish Terms and Conditions for the Safe Presentation of the Church of Assumption Festival. Discussion – Section 4 would like clarity that monitors are volunteers and that the city is not financially contributing to the festival. Same section, "amount" should clarify quantity of

Council Work Session
3/1/2016

Meeting opened at 7:42 p.m. to review the street sweeper options and discuss police records/evidence room.

Street Sweeper: Gregg submitted a formal report (in packet). Summary: current equipment is out of service and will be traded in or sold (it is co-owned with North College Hill). A new one is too expensive and sharing with another community is not optimal. We are currently considering contracting sweeping out for 3 to 4 times per year.

Block Watch: Not well attended and staff is in transition. Program is on hold until it's re-worked.

Police Records: Steve Kramer has been a great assistance with organizing police records and getting city records stored off site in climate controlled secure environment. Property room has been a struggle to maintain because no dedicated staff to manage it, and officers get called away. Mr. Kramer has been organizing the property room and drugs were properly disposed of. Chief is requesting a dedicated part timer to maintain property room organization going forward. Chief prepared a summary of records issues (in packet). Janet Crawford coming onboard as new Mayors Court Clerk (having two clerks now should help resolve old backlog of entries problem going forward). Mrs. George explained RCIC is where warrants are entered and where background checks data come from. Mrs. George advocated for delegation of property room duty to full timers, not a dedicated part time employee – because Mt. Healthy too small to have dedicated property room staff. Officers are needed on the street. Back entry of old minor traffic violations not worth staff time to enter them. Council agreed we need to find a balance of best practice and officers on the street. Bill will ask Chief to present in more detail (hours, dollars, etc.) at April 5 work session. Council requested to hold work session on front end of meeting council meeting to make it more convenient for Chief.

Mayor Wolf stated procedures and policies helps bridge the gap of staff transitions. Chief has brought level of professionalism we've never had. Would love to have another full time officer (slated for 2017). We have big city problems.

Work session adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

monitors, not compensation. Section 3 curfew ages may be transposed; get clarity. First reading tonight.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1085 A resolution authorizing the city manager to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the Mt. Healthy City School District to participate in the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Safe Routes to School Travel Plan Grant Program and to execute contracts as required and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A reminder the Beautification Committee plant voucher sale deadline is March 1~~X~~². Mrs. Moody has forms if anyone needs them.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lingo will cover the April 5 meeting as Mr. Bittner will be out. Mr. Kocher may be out on the 5th too. Ms. Claire will be out of town for the next meeting, March 15.

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 7:37 p.m.



Ross Bittner, President of Council

 CLERK OF COUNCIL

Jill Claire, Acting Clerk of Council