

## MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 18, 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. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Lingo

Mrs. Moody made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. George to excuse the absent members. All in favor *motion carried*.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

A correction was made on Page 2 City Manager's report to clarify "water line work...". A motion to adopt the minutes as corrected of the October 4, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the October 4, 2016 work session was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Invitation received from Mt. Healthy Christian Church for November 20 prayer for unity event. Invitation received from MSD for October 27 Community 2016 breakfast meeting. Brochure from Bronner's for commercial holiday displays received.

### **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Brian Schmidt from Choice One Engineering introduced himself and passed out brochures for his company. They have provided civil engineering and survey services to Butler and Clermont Counties since 1994 and looking to expand into Hamilton County.

Antwan Nichols, 7348 Hamilton Ave., brought his structural engineer, Fredrick Hargrove – CEO Hargrove Engineering. Mr. Hargrove stated the attached garage is not a hazard to the community and can be saved. If retained by Mr. Nichols, he can provide detailed

drawings to return the structure to soundness. Mr. Kocher reviewed the city's certified letter details regarding the condemnation of the attached garage. A detailed plan was to be submitted by August 31 and a substantial amount of the work was to be completed by October 18. The city received a plan to tear down and rebuild the structure, but nothing has been done. Mr. Nichols states he encountered financial issues so he is now pursuing repair. Council has already granted additional time to complete the required repairs. Mr. Parsons made and Mrs. Moody seconded a motion to proceed with the demolition. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

### **COMMITTEES:**

Business Partnership/Alliance – Ms. Petersen attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting. Mr. Walker requested support for the 7272 Hamilton Ave. Board of Zoning Appeals request. TAP report was discussed as well as the business core area. A boutique is opening at 7620 Hamilton Ave. Ms. Petersen reported the Alliance has served 462 families and over 1,300 people. Kroger no longer allows for pantry drives so alternate ideas are requested. They need donations of plastic bags.

Beautification – Connie Graham is getting pricing for new concrete pots. North College Hill received a grant for theirs. We could request in our CDBG 2018 grant.

Finance – Mr. Parsons called a meeting for Wednesday, November 9 at 6 p.m. to discuss the 2017 budget.

Parks – Mr. Kocher reported there was a pre-construction meeting for the stage and parts are in (just waiting for the canvas). Kids Fest October 30 from 2-4 p.m. in the park with games and prizes. Followed by a parade to trunk to treat. Had a good season in the park this summer.

Safety/Streets – Mr. Roetting called a meeting for October 24 at 7 p.m. There is a petition for a fire lane on St. Clair. There will be discussion of a parking ordinance. Please be cautious driving October 31 during trick or treat. Next Door has a map of homes giving out candy. Residents should also be cautious of computer scam phone calls.

WeThrive – Mrs. Moody reported North College Hill is planning a 3 or 5k run. A Safe Route to Schools meeting was just held with ODOT. They are tweaking the walking district. WeThrive quarterly meeting is Thursday.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf***

Soccer wraps up this week and there are plans to expand program next year. Park has seen increased use from multiple outside organizations. Fibonacci recently hosted a meet-n-greet and are looking to expand hours and open Wednesday through Sunday. Tikkun Farm is hosting a drum circle at 6 p.m. with bonfire and potluck that is open to

the community. On Saturday, Americore and Zone 231 are having a work day from 9 a.m. to noon at Tikkun Farm for Make a Difference Day.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher***

There will be a review of the medical marijuana information at the next work session. At the next council meeting, there will be an ordinance for the Street Department to make Gary Hessler's position unclassified. He is retiring at year end so we will recruit to fill the unclassified position. During the Perry St. water line installation, 14 lead lines were identified. CWW initiative is to replace lines in the right of way only. It is a burden on the homeowner to replace the rest of the line. Britta water pitchers and testing kits have been provided and Mr. Kocher is working on grants to help homeowners replace their lines. There was no lead service on Compton Rd. South Perry did not score well for SKIP funding so the city will be contesting the score. Some communities are matching as much as 50% to obtain SKIP funding. Mr. Kocher recently discovered a clerical error in elected officials pay that they received the city 2.5% increase instead of the CPI-U increase. This amounted to a total error of approximately \$300. Legislation is being prepared to correct the issue.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire***

September month end reports were in the packets; let Ms. Claire know if there are any questions. The 2015 audit is still in review by the state. The 2016 audit is going out to bid. A CIC meeting was called for Tuesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m.

### **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 16-1799:** An ordinance assessing costs of the vacant foreclosed property registration fees and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance 16-1799 was adopted.

**Ordinance 16-1800:** A first reading of an ordinance adopting the procedure authorized under Ohio R.C. 3929.86 to enable the City of Mt. Healthy to receive insurance proceeds as security for the repair or removal of fire damaged structures.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Moody thanked the Chief and Police Department for serving at the recent community meal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mayor Wolf will present a proclamation and key to the city at Leroy Meier's funeral Wednesday (9 a.m. visitation at Neidhard Young and service at Arlington Memorial Gardens 11 a.m.). Leroy was a devoted Mt. Healthy resident who touched and inspired many lives. He will be dearly missed.

Mrs. George reported she will be out of town and not present at the December 6 meeting. Mt. Healthy Owls are 8-0 with two games to go! Historical Society dine to donate at Perkins this Wednesday.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

  
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Ross Bittner, President of Council

  
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Jill Claire for Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council