

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
November 15, 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, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa

Absent and Excused: Ms. Petersen

Mrs. George made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Roetting to excuse the absent members

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes on page 3 of the November 1, 2016 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

COMMITTEES:

Finance: Bob Parsons; – Had a meeting to review the 2017 budget. It will be in the County format for two readings in December.

Safety/Streets: Mr. Roetting; TEC will be doing a parking study on St. Clair before any decisions are made regarding the fire lane. The ~~plan~~^{Paving} for Perry Street is to begin on November 28th. Chief Demasi met with the school district and came to an agreement on the current case and how things will be done going forward.

Urban Tree; meeting with the Executive Director of Taking Root, Matt Stenger on Monday, November 21st at 10:30am. Council members are invited to attend this meeting. Going to be discussing how the City can benefit from teaming up with his group, Taking Root. 6 trees were purchased for \$255 to be planted around town. 60 trees have been planted so far and there have been only 2 lost.

WeThrive – Mrs. Moody; Meeting Wednesday, November 16th 6-7:30pm at Reserve on South Martin. They will be discussing the Walking Club, the senior community gardens plan for next year, updates on basketball, dance and jump rope. Safe routes to school will be discussed. Interact for Health will be talking about partnering with North College Hill.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Met with Darren Hall from Port Authority looking for advice on how to move forward now that we are budgeting the funds for development. The first thing will be to set up a meeting with another community that has been through this process. We want to get the ball rolling once the new budget starts.

Mt. Healthy Christian Church will be hosting a special prayer event for unity on Sunday, November 20th. The event will include music, prayer, recognized churches, elected officials, and first responders in the community.

Dine to Donate at the North College Hill Perkins on the third Wednesday of each month, the Historical Society receives 20% of your total bill.

Former Mt. Healthy grads that have been in the news recently. David Montgomery was named big 12 newcomer of the week. Joel Heath had his first NFL start over the weekend.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Update on scoring of the next project on South Perry. Disappointed on the rating we received. Once they put the line of where the projects will be funded. We were the 2nd project under the cut. We could ask to be partially funded in 2017 and get in again in 2018.

Aggregation will be going out to bid for our electric. We will be partnering with two other communities to maybe get better rates. We will go in with Greenhills and Silverton.

RITA collection report was in the packet. We spent \$9,000 on the subpoena program and received \$31,000 so far. There is still room for this number to grow once payment plans are paid in full. This may not be something we do on a yearly basis.

Richard Osgood will be leaving the City at the end of the year. There is another employee at Sharonville that may be interested in the position. Rich may still be able to do some of the reports remotely. Bill Knight may be able to pick up more of Rich's duties.

Gary Hessler will be retiring at the end of December. We are going to make this position an unclassified position. Gary has been with the City for 30 years. We will begin the hiring process soon.

Looking to sell the street sweeper we share with North College Hill. The repairs are just getting to expensive. The machine is just not worth fixing anymore.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

October month end reports and bank reconciliation are in the packets.

2015 Audit is complete. We looked at each item on the management letter and made a few small changes based on their suggestions.

The budget will be in County format at the next council meeting and will be able to get two readings.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1098: A first reading of resolution setting the limit for expenditures without prior certification.

Resolution 16-1099: A first reading of resolution making the Mt. Healthy street laborer position an unclassified position.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt. Healthy Christian Village won Best on the North in Cincinnati Magazine. We are really lucky to have them in our community.

Mr. Kocher was contacted today regarding a movie being filmed at Brotherton's. They reached out to the city. It is a sci-fi movie. They will be looking for a place to feed the crew, which will be catered.

Safety and Streets Committee will meet to discuss the TEC Letter regarding the parking study on St. Clair on Tuesday, November 29th at 7:00pm in council chambers at City Hall.

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 7:45pm.


Ross Bittner, President of Council


Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council