

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 20, 2016

The council meeting was called to order by Pro-Tempore Denise Lingo at 7:00 pm and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen, Mrs. Dosa

Absent and Excused: Mr. Roetting

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as revised of the December 6, 2016 meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sergeant Nolte and Sergeant Michael were here this evening to swear in Part Time Officer Matthew Moore. Welcome to the City of Mt. Healthy.

Mark Burns from IEC (Independent Energy Consultants) is here to update council on the Electrical Aggregation Proposal. 18 proposals were received from 6 suppliers. A decision is required by the end of December to support the continuation of Mt. Healthy's program. IGS Energy is the winning supplier. The City currently has them as the Gas Aggregation Program. New rates take effect with the May 2017 billing period. There is legislation that will be heard tonight. We will take a first reading and get it passed at the January 3rd meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen; Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting

- Kim received the check from the City for their share of the July 3rd event.
- Kim attended the Redline liquor permit appeal hearing in Columbus.
- They will be looking for new board members. ~~There will need 6 new members.~~
- 3 churches in Northbrook have joined together and started a group Hope for Cincy to help with addicts for support and help they may need.
- Arlington Cemetery will be doing the Field of Memories again in May 2017. They hope to have more flags than last year. They will be needing volunteers to help place flags.
- A representative from the Library spoke about a County wide project they will be doing. Folks can bring in pictures, maps, letters or anything related to our area and they will have equipment there to put the items on a flash drive to take home. This will be taking place on February 11, 2017 at the Mt. Healthy Library.

Parks: Denise Lingo: The first draft of the 2017 Summer Events Calendar is available. Ray will continue to fill the summer with great events.

Urban Tree Commission:

- The city manager, Bob Parsons and three tree commissioners met with Matt Stenger, director of Taking Root to learn how we might partner and benefit from this. The City is now officially a partner with Taking Root. This is mainly for publicity. We will display our logo and they will give us publicity around our tree planting program.
- The tree commission is currently exploring whether South Elementary is interested in another Arbor Day planting on the school grounds. We can apply for a grant for this.
- 6 trees were planted in yards and tree lawn last month. All but one tree was requested by residents and that one was a replacement. Residents have sent in checks for the \$20 tree fund. Trees cost an average of \$40/tree.

We Thrive!: We continue to work with the schools to get the Safe Routes to school Program in place.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Regarding WeThrive teachers have just completed the homeroom tally. Teacher took tallies of the students each morning for 3 days on how kids got to school. There will be a walk audit on January 6, 2017. It is still moving forward.

Just in case anybody is contacted there is a resident on Forest Avenue that has several dogs. There has been concerns about how they are kept and the treatment of these dogs. It has been now made social media and forums for different humane groups. We are working with SPCA, which have been there multiple times and they determined nothing is wrong with the way these dogs are kept. That is our dog enforcement proof right now. There have been recommendations made to us about changes we could make to our ordinances. Right now, the Chief does not recommend these changes.

Historical Society is having their Dine to Donate at Perkins tomorrow. They have this on the third Wednesday of each month. The Historical Society receives 20% of your total bill. Be sure to get a coupon.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Follow up on Redline liquor permit process. It's been a frustrating process. We had great representation from the City. The City provided transportation for the people that were subpoenaed. We also had volunteers to go to Columbus for the hearing. The State Liquor board was on the case this time because it was an appeal. It was painful for everybody to sit through. We should be hearing back from them on the decision any day. We will keep you posted.

The park canopy is up and it looks great. The bad news is there is hole that has been found in it. Everybody involved has recognized the issue and now we hope to get it solved. We will get this fixed. It should be a great summer.

Another surprise that slipped through the Board of Elections. Our renewal of 1.54 mill was passed at the August 2, 2016 election. The levy was passed for a continuing period of time. The Ohio Department of Transportation says that a municipality cannot have a general current expense levy for that term. It must be a 5-year term. The levy will run from 2016 through 2020. It will need to be placed on a future ballot to renew before its expiration.

Gregg Cutter, Street Department put together a yearend report. I have copies if anybody is interested. It puts together everything they did over the year.

The old First Financial Bank is now owned by the same person that owns Brotherton's, and the house on Harrison behind the bank. They now own a big chunk of property. They have come to us to see if the City would be interested in packaging the parcels we have across the street together to see if there would be any interest. The property we own is not up for sale.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

November month end reports were in the packets; let Ms. Claire know if there are any questions.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 16-1100: A first reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute agreements between the City and Springfield Township board of trustees for the purchase of rock salt.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 16-1801: A second reading of an ordinance to make appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mt. Healthy, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017. 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 16-1802: A second reading of an ordinance to set compensation for certain appointed officials and part time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1803: A second reading of an ordinance to set compensation for certain full time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1805: 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. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1806: An ordinance amending the 2016 appropriations and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1807: An ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 16-1808: A first reading of an emergency ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to support the continuation of a governmental electric aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20, Ohio Revised Code, directing the City Manager of the City of Mount Healthy to execute an electric supply agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. (“IGS Energy”).

OLD BUSINESS:

We have hired a new Street Laborer to replace Gary Hessler. Gary retired after 30 years with the City. Justin Westrich will begin with the City on January 3, 2017.

Richard Osgood continues to help out on reporting during the transition period. We have hired Gordon Wong to replace Mr. Osgood.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mt. Healthy Christian Village was voted “Best of the North” 2016-2017 for best retirement community in Cincy Magazine. This is remarkable to have this as recognition in our City.

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 7:50 p.m.



Denise Lingo, Member of Council on behalf of
President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council