

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Public meeting 7:00pm-7:45pm

There is a public hearing for WeThrive! regarding the Mt. Healthy City Schools safe routes to school travel plan. Tommy Arnold is Mt. Healthy's district representative. David Schipps, consulting firm working with Ohio Department of Transportation. Safe Routes to school is an international movement that provides active transportation (walking, biking) within 2 miles of schools that serves grades K-8. It funds infrastructure projects and non-infrastructure. Within Ohio it is managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation. There is no money involved. The school travel plan is a requirement for further funding requests. Studies have been done to put together a draft school travel plan. This includes recommendations to improve the routes to school. There are education programs that can teach kids safety to get to and from school. The next step is to meet with school and figure out solutions to apply for funding. One of the best things about Safe Routes to School is this is a living document that belongs to the city and community, so if this is approved now and apply for funds and you may or may not get them then you have the next 9 months to work on it and make changes.

Speeding is the biggest concern from residents

Biggest problem is Werner Avenue at South Elementary

"Thanks" to the school members that made it here tonight.

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:50 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

Ms. Petersen made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Moody 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 printed of the January 17, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Beth Sheehan from Mt. Washington. Sent out emails today to council about 3 outside dog situations here in Mt. Healthy. Would like to talk about a tethering ordinance. City of Cincinnati just passed a tethering ordinance in October. A tethering ordinance is good for the animals as well as the community. Tethering is inhumane. In the Ohio Revised Code there is no mention of tethering, so each individual community must pass their own ordinance.

The city uses SPCA for patrolling. They are the only resource we have right now.

The city's police do respond to complaints when they are available.

The SPCA has been out to look at these complaints

The city is not ignoring these issues.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

WCPO came out and interviewed the Main Theatre Group. They are going to continue following the story on the progress of the Main. Going to use the Mayor's fund to start using to make upgrades. They have got the lights on in the store front and going to get running water and everything working in the store fronts. The idea is to do a pop up shop for the Bicentennial memorabilia. Want to start getting energy there.

Tracy Lawson, wrote a book about the history of the Old Mill. The name of the book will be Pride of the Valley. She is planning to do a promotional event and book signing in April. She also is planning to come to some of our other City events to promote the book.

WeThrive! is active. We met today to talk about how we keep sustainable and moving forward. Making sure we are on the same page with the budget.

Mt. Healthy schools are going through a state audit right now because of our state report card over the last few years. The schools were notified a week and a half before the state was coming out. This is very intense for the staff and just hoping something positive comes from this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

Chief Demasi is hosting another "Chiefs night out" before the March 21st council meeting. This will be 5:30-6:30 in council chambers. Everybody is invited.

TEC has completed the traffic study for St. Clair parking. We should have a report back before the next council meeting to discuss options.

All parties met regarding the park band shell canopy. The manufacture determined it was on them and took full responsibility. We are now working together to fix the issue.

Jill Claire, Finance Director will be stepping down, but will stay on until somebody is trained in the position. Ms. Claire will continue to be a resource for the City. Has been with the City for around 15 years. The position will be advertised shortly.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1102: A second reading of resolution requesting the County Auditor to make payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 17-1103: A resolution relating to the dedication and acceptance of public improvements (street) known as Clovernook Avenue between Compton Road and Adams Road. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1811: An ordinance assessing costs demolition and removal of unsafe structures 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. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1812: A first reading of an ordinance banning the use of tobacco products of all kinds at various areas in the Mt. Healthy City Park and during all park events.

Ordinance 17-1813: A first reading of an ordinance providing for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$400,000 by The City of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton County, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of refunding a prior series of bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which were used to finance the acquisition of real property in the City and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 17-1814: An ordinance accepting the dedication of Clovernook Avenue, a portion of Adams Road and associated sewer easements 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 Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

We have always used the due date for 4th Quarter tax payments due 1/31. RITA informed us that it should be December 15th and they began assessing late filing fees. We worked with RITA and going to waive the fees for this year, but for 2017 taxes 4th quarter payments will be due 12/15. This does follow our City's tax code.

Mrs. George will not be able to stay for the work session this evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

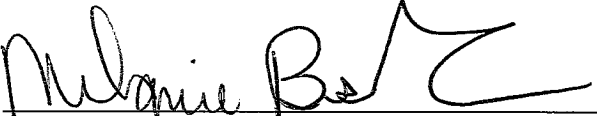
None.

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 8:50 p.m.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 7, 2017**

The council work session was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 8:54 p.m. immediately following the regular council meeting. The purpose of the work session is to review zoning inquiries.

Senate Bill 331 goes into effect in March and is pro utility companies. Local communities have met to share information about this new rule as interpretation is unclear. Specifically - if it addresses just micro (50') pole vs. utility (120') poles. Mt. Healthy currently plans to deny the request for the 120' utility pole. We will keep everyone posted as new information is learned.

Bill Kocher is seeking direction on Tiny Houses size standards. Several methods of determining minimum size requirements and implementation were discussed with no clear resolution. Council's standards will determine how legislation is to be written. This is a new trend and not much information is available on pros/cons of how other communities have addressed.

Bill Kocher asked about council's interest in a zone change to establish tattoo parlor limitations in the core business district. If a zone change is done, it would be good to address the current issue of separating the E1 Retail bucket between low intensity (office) vs. high intensity (commercial). Council felt this should wait until the economic development consultant is on board to get their input.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.