

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 7, 2017

Public Hearing was called to order at 7:00pm

Public hearing to present to citizens the proposed projects for consideration and input for the next 3-year phase of funding of the Community Block Grant. Application is due on November 22nd.

There was a public meeting held on Monday, October 23rd at 6pm.

Prioritized three things to focus funding on:

1. Request \$35,000 funding for a 3 year cycle with Fire staffing and salaries to help offset the expense to get our salaries in line with other communities. Our pay scale is very low, and we need to be able to keep employees. We have a high rate of turnover and we are low on the pay scale.
2. Request \$25,000 for Main Theatre for phase 1 feasibility planning and construction project.
The plan is to bring it up to feasibility. There is no way we can afford a complete rehab. The plan is to get it ready for a developer to come in and develop the property.
3. Ask for \$10,000 for facade improvement projects in the Business District. We want to keep these in small projects. Try to keep around \$2,000-\$3,000 for maximum project amounts. Hoping to get matching funds from property owners.

Public Hearing was closed at 7:15pm

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:15pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. George

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Scott Bauer,

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted of the October 17 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

WeThrive! Community Recognition Event is Wednesday, December 13th, 5:30pm - 8:00pm at Mayerson Jewish Community Center. RSVP by December 4th.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Arnett

- Would like to know if Mr. Kocher received feedback from John Young
 - Mr. Kocher had several conversations and focused in all 3 areas of the ordinance. The 900-foot minimum size home and talked it through and came up with the minimum size detached structure is 900 sq. feet, so you wouldn't want the home to be any smaller than the detached structure.
 - Discussed was the office business district. Made sure we weren't doing any spot zoning. Went over this with our law director and it was good.
 - Last piece discussed with Mr. Young was the conditional use regarding signs in the yard. He recommended not to do yard signs.

- When planting trees over at the school board buildings front lawn talked to a gentleman that lives on the route for school drop off and pick up. He was concerned with the speed of the traffic. Cars are flying in and out. Karen said she would pass this information along since he was not able to make it to meetings.
 - Mr. Kocher is working closely with the school on this. We received a lot of opposition to the one way and have just started phasing in things from the traffic study to see what works. Adding Stop Signs, adding signage, holding off on the one way at this point. Going to address the issues as we go along.

- Would like to have on record that this has happened a few times in the last few years that a police car has come down Hickman Street at a high rate of speed. Sent a letter of concern around October 26th to Chief Demasi and The City Administration just voicing a concern of the safety on the street. Officially in the records that there is a potential risk of danger there. It is a very narrow street to be going that fast. Consider the factors before something bad happens.
 - Chief Demasi responded that he took it as a citizen complaint, which launched an investigation in which there was no wrong doing found with the officers.
 - Mrs. Moody listed Hickman as one of the streets that needs to be repaired. The street is in terrible condition and is unsafe to drive down in

- any car. When you drive down the street and has witnessed the speed. Pointing out a police car is a little unfair because the street is in terrible condition and we need to redo it because it is unsafe.
- Mr. Kocher is aware of the concerns and we do follow up on them and always look to make sure we are doing things in a safe way. If there is an assault or domestic violence in progress the officer will go the quickest route. We can't start limiting streets when there is a dire situation because that is not safe either.

Jim Rahn, regarding Hickman Street knows this street needs repaired, but we can't change the width of the street. It's a narrow road for two cars to travel both directions and have parking. One way to eliminate the problem Karen is talking about and to make it safer is to get rid of parking on both sides

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Mt. Healthy Teacher's Association is hosting a 2017 Holiday Book Drive. All books will be donated to the Sharing Tree. The teachers and staff of Mt. Healthy City Schools are coming together to collect NEW books for students in need. Looking for donations of new books. You can drop books off to any Mt. Healthy School Library.

November 9th WDISF will host their 1st Friends giving Family Night at Fibonacci Brewing Company. This is a pot luck dinner. Everyone is welcome! This will be a kid friendly event.

Covered Bridge Antique Mall will be having their Holiday Open House November 10- November 12th. You can shop and receive 15-50% sale off most items in the shop over \$5. They will have music and refreshments. Friday and Saturday 10a-6p, Sunday 12p-6p.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Would like to touch briefly on medical marijuana. Met with our Law Director, Mr. Knight and Mr. Wong. Most of the state requirements push this outside of the City. There might be a few locations that could be used in the City, but we have decided just to look at a site when somebody comes to us with a plan. They would have to start with the Planning Commission for approval.

Mr. Knight has concerns regarding limiting the day cares in the core business district. They have started to stretch out into the residential areas. There have been 7 daycare requests on Compton Road recently. They are legal businesses and can't eliminate them. Just wanted to make everybody aware of this.

The Police Department hired a Full Time Officer. After going through the process - they promoted Part Time Officer Daniel Carusone effective November 5th.

We would like to get all city employees including council members all set up with city email addresses. The goal is to get this done by the end of the year.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 17-1112 A second reading of resolution declaring that the City of Mt. Healthy will support and promote the use of recyclable beverage containers at community events and the usage of appropriately marked recycle cans in the City Park. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call voted carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 17-1113 A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by The Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 17-1114 A first reading of resolution authorizing the Mt. Healthy Police Department to donate no longer used and unclaimed police property to 501 (C)(3) not-for-profit organization.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1828 A second reading of an ordinance adopting a Zoning Map amendment for "OB" Office Business District and assorted zoning code amendments, additions, modifications and deletions. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1829 A second reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1830 An ordinance assessing costs of vacant foreclosed property registration fees and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1831 A first reading of an ordinance delineating the duties and designating members of the Records Commission, authorizing members' delegation of commission meeting attendance and establishing a delegate for training required for elected officials.

**CITY OF MT. HEALTHY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
November 7, 2017**

Meeting: 8:15pm – 8:50pm

Discuss tabled Ordinance 17-1825 amending chapter 153.26 “General Definitions” and chapter 153.31 “Exterior Property Areas” of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinance.

This discussion started with a house in the city with honeysuckle in the front yard covering the entire front area of home. That is what got this legislation going.

Managed natural landscape used as a positive and not as a restriction. Allow managed natural landscape as part of the code and allow for diverse natural lawn. You can do something progressive with managed natural landscape.

The problem is the unmanaged honeysuckle.

To the point of where it affects other properties is where it has gone too far. Gardens in the front yard are okay.

In order to administer the legislation, we can't just say because it affects the neighbor's property. You have to put limits on it. Most people would not want to live next to a house with overgrowth covering their house.

It's hard to figure out where to draw the line.

Define “unmanaged” landscape and not be plant specific.

Look at the tone of the ordinance. Not trying to restrict managed yards. Trying to address the unmanaged yards.

Honeysuckle is not in the definition of weeds. Right now, with the City's Code of Ordinance we are not able to site the property owner with the overgrown honeysuckle.

- After all the discussion there still is not a clear answer on how to define this.
 - Jim Lowenburg will send Mr. Knight some of the preamble wording
 - Wording: restrict “unmaintained” growth
 - Mr. Knight will work on the wording of the ordinance
 - Legislation will bring it back to council as a draft with new wording

Ordinance 17-1832 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 Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Finance Committee met yesterday regarding the 2018 budget. There will be legislation at the next council meeting to get a first reading to approve the budget in county format.


Once again, Mt. Healthy Alliance has been chosen to partner with Stone Creek Meijer for the Simply Give Program. Donation cards may be purchased at the Stone Creek Meijer. From November 5 to December 30 Meijer will match the donation. December 8 and 9 Meijer will double match the donation. Donation cards may be used as many times as you wish. Money raised through Meijer will be used to purchase dairy products, holiday food, and other food products needed for our guests. The cards have the code that will designate the donation to Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council