

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 19, 2017

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. George

Mrs. Dosa made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Roetting 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 as printed of the December 5, 2017 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Independent Energy Consultants, Charles Demario, we have been serving your natural gas program for several years. Just took program back out to bid and got 26 bids back and the supplier we are going to recommend is your current supplier IGS Energy.

- Recommendation: Sign a 2-year contract, Mt. Healthy's program currently sets a monthly variable rate and has benefited from it. The City retains the right to convert to a fixed rate at any time. Decision needs to be made by December 21st.
- IGS will mail letters in late January/early February to residents and small business informing them of the new offer.
- IGS will prepare a news release, website material, FAQ's, etc. to help spread the word about the new program rate.

Legislation is on the agenda for council to act upon tonight.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Arnett:

- The 2nd Annual Christmas in Mt. Healthy was a great success this year. Brought in a lot of business to Mt. Healthy. All the businesses want to participate again next year. We will keep building on this event.
- Letter to share with council that we are eroding a key asset to the revitalization of our city, by the demolition of buildings that are structurally sound and of historic interest. One of the two slated to be demolished is 7825 Harrison. The property has been standing since at least 1865. A system is needed to assess and determine if a building has structural integrity and historic value as part of the process of deciding whether demolition is called for. Asking for the City to work with Urban Fast Forward to come up with a process that assigns value to our historic building legacy and allows current assets and potential assets to be preserved.

Lisa Sullivan

Here tonight regarding the Forest Avenue. Saw a YouTube video that they put puppies in rabbit cages when they were born locked up in a shed. Went through the cemetery to see this back yard and saw the dogs for herself. Has spoke to Beth Sheehan that has been asking for Mt. Healthy to adopt a tethering ordinance. Knows the neighbor of this property and they have sold their house because of this property. The SPCA follows the state law and these laws are so weak and vague that they fail our dogs. This hurts us to know these dogs are being neglected. It's the right thing to do to adopt a tethering ordinance. There is no reason 8 dogs should live in Mt. Healthy and not get a bowl of food each day.

Mayor Wolf: The ordinance on the agenda tonight addresses this and you are only allowed to have 3 dogs within 100feet of your residence. This property borders Arlington Cemetery. This guy has found a loophole in the code. The ordinance tonight will close this loophole. Of the 8 dogs that were there only 4 of them were licensed, so even if he is grandfathered in it will be our position only 4 would be allowed to remain on the property.

Lisa Dayringer

Volunteer for Stray Animal Adoption Program (SAAP). Takes in 4,000 dogs/cats per year. Tethering dogs and abuse to dogs are most frequently linked to dog bites. The dogs on this property meet the conditions to be concerned for safety of the community. Animals who are confined are more aggressive towards their space. A tethering ordinance can be important to protect against dog bites.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen;

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

- A finance meeting will be scheduled to go over the 2018 budget
- Elections will be held January
- February will begin discussions for Celebrate
- Positive input regarding Christmas in Mt. Healthy on December 9th

Mt. Healthy Alliance served 523 families in November

School/Library – Kisha Dosa:

Reva Cosby has a new Pre-K success plan that was discussed this past week. This plan includes a proposal for a pre-school, kindergarten and 1st grade building utilizing the old Rex Ralph property. This district plan has 2 main points. 1. Rebuild the Rex Ralph property and use it to house pre-school, KG, and 1st grade with wrap around services for students. 2. Would be to have North and South be reconfigured to grades 2-6. This would allow for smaller class groups, more space, prevention/intervention allowing to separate the younger kids from the older kids to help teach more to age groups. The budget would be about \$7million with everything included. Goal to open in 2019-2020. Will bring more information back to council from the January meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Would like to "Thank" Karen Arnett, Sara Young, and all the business the participated in the Christmas in Mt Healthy. It was an amazing time. It's been growing every year.

Bicentennial is having the New Year's Eve Gala at Kolping from 7p-12:30a. There are still tickets available.

Urban Fast Forward is moving through phase 1, which will end January 31st. This first phase has been all information gathering. They have met with many groups and businesses. Engaged around 50 stakeholders.

Hoping for an April/May presentation

Vince's, Nathan Valentino is taking over the day to day business and is looking to build a new deck on the back of the building and have it to be larger.

Fibonacci Brewery, Bob & Betty Bollas are planning to expand to the property next door. Looking to bring in more urban agriculture, goats, chickens, and beehives.

There would need to be permission for these business from the City. We will be looking into which direction they need to take. It will depend on the plans as to if it goes to BZA or Planning Commission.

It has come up that somebody wants to hold a meeting in the City, but ends up not being able to because there are not any businesses that have Wi-Fi. That is a problem when you want to have a business meeting. This causes the meetings to move outside the City. "Thanks" to Karen Arnett and the Renaissance group agreed to work on this.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

The Mt. Healthy Part-Time Firefighters bargaining agreement. Mark, from AFSCME is here tonight to answer any questions on the contract. Did a pretty good job and worked through any disagreements. There are timing issues with this. It was presented to council on December 5th and we have 30 days to act. Tonight, could be first reading and figure out what we need to do at the January 2nd meeting.

Key points:

Article 13i – Peer Review. This is a way to avoid potential arbitration and this is not in other contracts.

Article 15 – An expansion of the existing holidays

Article 18 – AFSCME care plan. This is something offered by them. No financial impact on the City.

This contract will retro back to April 1, 2017. The contract will be April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020.

Article 21b - Something we don't have in other contracts:

The provision of this agreement shall be binding upon the employer and its successors and assigns by merger, consolidation or otherwise.

Mr. Parsons feels this is ~~to~~ binding on the City. This is ~~A~~ reason to not approve this contract with this clause. *the*

This will be an all or nothing contract. If there is a section or language you don't agree on then the whole contract would not be approved. There is no strikeout or corrections.

Gregg Cutter put together the Street Department's yearend report for council.

Park Avenue project was awarded to Fred Newman. This is being driven by North College Hill. They will start waterline first, but there won't be a separate contract. They are planning on starting January 1st. This will be a unique project. It is only a 10% match plus the engineering cost. We may want to decide to pay North College Hill in full.

Holiday lunch is tomorrow here at noon.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

November month end reports and bank reconciliation were distributed in your packets.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1836 A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to perform all actions necessary to support the continuation of a Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the City Manager to extend the supply agreement with Interstate Gas Supply, Inc. to continue a Natural Gas Aggregation Program beyond March 31, 2018 when the current supply agreement ends and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call voted carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1837 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 Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1838 An ordinance to set compensation for certain full time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. 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 17-1839 An ordinance to set compensation for certain appointed officials and part time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1840 An ordinance amending Chapter 95.07 "Keeping of Animals" and Chapter 90.29 "Failure to register dog or dog kennel" of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Roetting 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. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1841 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 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 Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 17-1842 A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Mt. Healthy part time firefighters, AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO.

Ordinance 17-1842 An ordinance amending the 2017 appropriations 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 Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Wolf would like to add with the resident on Forest Avenue the legislation that was passed tonight is not the only action that is being taken. We are going after this resident with code violations and things being done without permits. We have been in constant communication with the SPCA and have spoke to the dog warden. Spoke to extensively with dog warden, Brandon Corcoran. We have a difference in opinion as to what neglect and abuse is. Unfortunately, he is the one who enforces it in the County. One of the reasons the ordinance came to the table is because Corcoran responded recently to Forest Avenue and found 6 dogs on the property. Residents are only allowed 3 in Mt. Healthy. That is not the SPCA's law to enforce. They did not tell the police department. All this information has now been sent to the Police Chief and they immediately responded the next day and found 8 dogs on the property. We are working on this and will continue to work with the SPCA.

Mrs. Moody would like to "Thank" Mayor Wolf for continuing to work on this.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody says all the work that goes into the Sharing Tree distribution is really amazing. "Thanks to everybody for their hard work"

The lighting in Heritage Park is very nice. The Street Department did a terrific job.

Mt. Healthy football players collected for the Sharing Tree. "Thanks to them"

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 8:45 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council