

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**December 5, 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, Mrs. Dosa

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. George, Mr. Roetting

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

*Note: Mr. Roetting arrived at 7:30pm*

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Scott Bauer, Police Chief Vince Demasi

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted of the November 21, 2017 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Swearing in of 3 new Police Officers. Mayor James Wolf swears in new officers:

1. Full-Time Police Officer, Daniel Carusone
2. Part-Time Police Officer, Christopher Teeple
3. Part-Time Police Officer, Jason Stansberry

Congratulations to Sergeant Nick Michael who graduated from the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC) in Columbus during November. The program is designed to build and develop leadership and management skills in Ohio law enforcement supervisors. Mayor Wolf presented Sergeant Michael with the Mt. Healthy Police Education Award. We look forward to the value Sergeant Michael will bring to the community now having mastered these course requirements.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf***

December 9<sup>th</sup>, Saturday is Christmas in Mt. Healthy from 10a-8p. A city-wide event for the family, with lots of choices for shopping, crafts, music, food and fun.

Next Wednesday Mt. Healthy is being recognized by Hamilton County Public Health as being a WeThrive outstanding community. There is a group attending the dinner to be recognized.

There will be a steering committee meeting with Urban Fast Forward the night of the next council meeting.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher***

There is a copy of the Mt. Healthy Part-Time Firefighters bargaining agreement. This is going to be an ordinance at the next meeting, so review before then. The firefighter's representative will be at the next council meeting if there are any questions. All the firefighters agree with this.

Did speak to Mr. Bayes regarding the discussion from the neighbor on Perry. Encouraged him to work with the neighbors in the area. He does not have final plans as to what they are going to do with the property. He understands the issue. The conversation went well and will try to work with the residents.

Went to a meeting with Fire Chief Lawson at Springfield Township, Colerain Township, North College Hill to discuss mutual aid. The conversations are getting very serious. There is a lot of concern on their end and the amount of mutual aid they are providing to Mt. Healthy. Will plan to get information out to council as soon as possible and plan to have a work session in January.

Having a pre-construction meeting regarding Park, North and South Lyndale for the waterline replacement project. Will be able to get construction moving soon after the meeting.

Met with Bill Knight regarding the natural landscape ordinance. Not sure what is going to be done next at this point. Don't want this to just be pushed to the side. It is "Tabled" at this point. There was discussion on the wording.

**MT. HEALTHY WORK SESSION**  
**December 5, 2017**

Meeting 7:40pm to 8:30pm

Discussion regarding a dog tethering ordinance.

Beth Sheehan from Mt. Washington is here tonight and has sent over a lot of information regarding getting an ordinance passed in our city. This all began with a resident on Forest Avenue that has dogs. The SPCA has been called to the home numerous times to assess the situation and have said it was okay for the dogs. The dogs do have license.

The City does have a nuisance ordinance for barking dogs.

Ohio Revised Code does not have anything about tethering dogs in it. The dog warden only follows state law. There can't be a state wide or county wide ordinance passed because each jurisdiction must pass their own legislation.

This is just a tough call. There is a love for animals in the city. Many folks have complained about the Forest Avenue dog situation, but there has been no proof of breeding or dog fighting, animal abuse. The neighbors themselves have not been up to council to complain.

The goal tonight is to decide if we are going to get the tethering ordinance passed.

There are not enough funds to take this on. The city would have to board the dogs if we seized them. Once a dog is seized by a city the SPCA will not take it.

The final consensus to have a tethering ordinance is a "No" by council members.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 17-1833** A second reading of an ordinance for 2018 Annual Appropriations. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 17-1835** A first reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the vacant foreclosed property registration fees 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 Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 17-1836** A first 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.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**


None.

**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 7:35 pm.



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President of Council Ross Bittner



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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council