

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 6, 2018

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:15 p.m. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections made from the January 16, 2018 meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Lowenburg:

We've received word from the Ohio State Historic Preservation Office that the Main Theater was placed on the National Register of Historic Places by the National Park Service, as of December 27th, 2017. This will allow tax credits.

Lending grant program for homeowners. Homebuyers can get up to a \$5,000 grant towards the purchase of a new home. There are requirements to be met. The home does have to be owner occupied. This program begins March 1st. If you know of anybody looking to purchase a new home let Mr. Lowenburg know and he can get you contact information.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Jean Dowell and Mike Oberst will be doing a benefit concert for Tikkun Farm and Kate's Cupboard. This concert will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sunday February 11 at 3pm-4pm. Free concert and food.

Urban Fast Forward is wanting to get the summer event schedule to start working with that for their reports. Started working with Ray to get some events on the calendar.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

GCWW water main replacement project. With the project starting on Perry they have identified several properties with lead service lines. GCWW thinks they will begin to get pressure from EPA and other government agencies to address these issues. They are trying to get ahead of them. They have put together a program for home owners to help with the cost of the lead pipes to be replaced. We are going to reach out to these homeowners on Perry. GCWW is offering a \$1500 credit towards the replacement. The cost could vary by home. We are trying to gauge people's interest with this on the Perry Street project. GCWW is also willing to give the money up front and then assess amount to their property taxes over a period of time. The city would have to get involved to assess these properties. First step is we are contacting the folks that GCWW has identified have lead pipes and get them together to see what the interest level is. This is not mandatory.

ODOT would like the city to consider a permit or maintenance agreement for Heritage and Wetlands Parks. The city has not agreed, signed or moved forward with anything regarding the status of the parks. This agreement could get us closer to where we want to be regarding the use and ownership of both these areas. This can be a starting point for us to consider.

Jennifer from JMA Consultants will be at the February 20th council meeting. She was not able to make it tonight. There is a packet of street priority JMA put together which will be discussed at the next council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 18-1845 A second reading of ordinance to set compensation for the Fire Department Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy for April 1, 2017 and thereafter. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 18-1846 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 acquisition of real property in the city and declaring an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS:

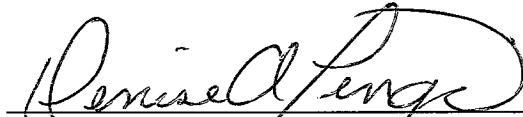
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is now a July 3rd committee and has met for the first time. This way everything doesn't fall on Ray. We have a band, food and looking for new decorations that we can keep to put up yearly.

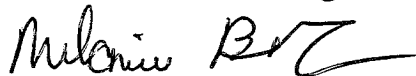
ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



President of Council ~~Ross Bittner~~

Denise Lingo - PRO Tem



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

Work Session February 6, 2018

Open discussion 7:50p to 9:30p

Mutual aid being needed from Springfield Township, North College Hill, and Colerain Township.

The fire department along with the police department are just not getting applicants like they used to. Folks are not wanting to go into these professions anymore. This is happening everywhere.

Mt. Healthy is not a medic fire department.

There are 3 options:

- Bring in more employees
- Contract out – fully or partially
- Merging

Springfield Township and Colerain Township does not want to do a merged department.

January - there was a decrease in mutual aid because we were able to keep 4 employees on. Having 4 people on allows us to get the second ambulance out instead of having mutual aid come in.

Mt. Healthy has a high run volume and Springfield Township could not take on our runs without adding more employees on their department.

The best option right now is to have 4 people on at all times and look at being able to afford this option. We need to show we are trying and keeping 4 people on is doing this because it shows with a decrease in mutual aid.

We need to find the money in the budget to afford these options.