

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 1, 2018**

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

***Absent and Excused:*** None.

Jeanne George has notified Mayor Wolf that she is resigning from her seat on council. She notified Mayor Wolf two weeks ago. There was a meeting today with the Democratic Precinct Executives and they accepted the resignation and voted to replace her with her son, Cordel George. Having her son fill her role on council makes sense electorally. He is a graduate of NKU and is getting his masters.

Mayor Wolf swears in Mr. Cordel George.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with some changes noted from the April 17, 2018 meeting was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Summer Event calendar has been launched. There are copies in the Administration office as well as on the city's website.

A summer bands poster was made to promote the bands that will be in the park this summer. We have a full summer coming up.

**GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

None.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

### **Karen Arnett;**

Nervous about bringing up a downer issue. Just wanted to bring this up as something you should be aware of and to consider in the future. The Habitat for Humanity house is looking good, but every inch of the soil has been run over by equipment and turns into like a sidewalk. Once soils are impacted trees will not grow there. Maybe there can be a policy in the future to save some of the lot for trees.

### **Alicia Rogers;**

Represents Dance2Fit and has spoke to Mr. Kocher recently regarding any spaces that might be available. Would love to bring this fitness to Mt. Healthy. This could go right along with WeThrive. Maybe have something in the park. More than willing to offer free classes. It is fun and dancing to current music.

*Facebook.com/dance2fitwithaliciarogers*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

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

May 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday is the Health and Safety Fair. In the park from noon-2:00pm. This has been a great event. It is sponsored by the Police Dept., Fire Dept., and WeThrive.

Memorial Day parade will be Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Line up at Dairy Bar before 2:00pm.

Urban Fast Forward is wrapping up the first phase, which is explaining existing conditions and moving into the second phase, which is recommendations. They have given us their brainstorm map. Having good meetings with them. We will continue to meet and keep moving forward. A report will be available once it is finished.

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

There is a packet from TEC regarding traffic signal plans required for the replacement of traffic signal controllers, pedestrian and vehicular signal heads and pedestrian pushbuttons at 14 intersections. Other equipment will be replaced such as load switches, conflict monitors, relays and DC Isolators. It is to the point of being difficult to get new replacement parts. One add on we did was based on the Fire Chief's request is that there is a preemption control on this with each of the traffic signals with the sirens will change the light. It's about \$125,000 but the grant pays for 80% of that. There is a 30% contingency, so there may be some flexibility. On the high end we could be looking at \$214,000 which would come out of our CIP street levy funding. Low end would be close to \$171,000. This project is planned to be funded until 2020. We are hoping to get it in 2019. This is future planning.

Alleyways; there was a sample letter in the packet that will go out to residents that live near these alleys. Some of these changes may affect nobody. Council members should try to go out and look at these. Some of these alleys are just servicing a few people. They are not pass through alleys. Mr. Temming will be at the meeting to be able to talk about the legal language of everything that needs to happen in order to vacate these alleys. This will be done in a work session at the next council meeting.

Software proposal was in your packet. This guy contacted Ray regarding his software. It's basically a polling software that can go on our website and gathers information on a specific topic. It is an easy way for residents to participate, so city staff hears from more than the same people. Allows us to know if they live in the city. It is a great concept that comes with a price tag. Read it and let Mr. Kocher know if you would like to have the owner of the software come in and speak.

Habitat for Humanity's National Women Build week is an annual event with a partnership with Lowe's. The program invites women to devote at least one day to help families build strength, stability and independence through housing. They are bringing a team to Mt. Healthy May 9<sup>th</sup>, which they have a list of projects to do. One thought was to help get pots set up for the Beautification Committee.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 18-1851** A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing a bargaining unit of City employees in the classification of Full Time Police Officer. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 18-1852** A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing a bargaining unit of City employees in the classification of Sergeants. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 18-1853** A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing a bargaining unit of City employees in the classification of Part Time Police Officer. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**CITY OF MT. HEALTHY  
WORK SESSION  
May 1, 2018**

Work Session began at 8:00pm

**1) Presentation from the Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project**

Here tonight is Jim Lowenburg, Karen Arnett, Dan Glynn, Nathan Valentino to let council know where they are with the Main Theatre.

The Main Theatre is the primary focus of the group. The plan is to make it a multi-function entertainment space.

The building is still owned by the city, so there is still research to be done as to who would operate the facility once it would be fixed up.

The Renaissance Project has taken the lead so far like putting the mural up, hosting the matinees on main, doing fundraising, being nominated for historic status and a variety of other things. The city has also put money into getting the storefront fixed up. It has been a partnership to this point.

We can sit around and talk about ideas forever, but there is a point if we really want to see this project happen then we need to make some investments and move forward.

We see the Main Theatre revitalization as an opportunity to kick start the whole area in town. If there is an operating theatre there having activities going on people on going to come to the city and it can help restaurants, bars, stores. It will help bring people into Mt. Healthy.

What we have done is try to come up with a preliminary budget to help us move forward. The Renaissance Project will continue to help do fundraising to fund a portion but would also like to see the city contribute a portion.

Nathan is working on a business plan to help us with financing side of the project.

Karen recently went to a one-day event and joined the League of Historic American Theatre. This is an amazing resource. These are groups that run theatres all over the country. Most are run as a non-profit, but there are some that are for profit. This conference was fantastic.

Being a historic theatre is so much better than being just a theatre. You can build on the historic side to raise money and to get people to come to it. The key about the league is there are a ton of networking opportunities.

We can learn by what others have done that work and didn't work. Entering a phase to learn from what others have done and experts to help guide us.

Need a strong feasibility study done and work with an initial architect for a preliminary design plan. Those areas can cost anywhere from \$15,000 to \$40,000.

The Renaissance Project has 8 board members. The board meets monthly, on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to the public. We work with the business association to network for coming up with ideas on bringing new businesses in town. Helped coordinate the Christmas event. Partnering with other groups. Has a plant swap coming up next month. The group tries to do a lot of networking for the community. Working with Urban Fast Forward.

Looking for funds to do studies. Need a strong executive to keep things moving the project along. Making sure what we are doing with work. We would like to get some drawings, so we have something to show.

The budget we are looking at now is between \$10,000 - \$11,000. We anticipate raising part of the funds. The Renaissance Project is looking for city to fund half and they would raise the other portion.

A Memo of Understanding is needed at some point with the city.

Jim is going to start working on this.

We can have our law director review it.

## **2) Police discussion with Chief Vince Demasi**

The police department is struggling to get qualified officers employed. This is the same issue the fire department is having. Folks aren't even applying for the positions.

Trying to control overtime is becoming difficult because we are short staffed.

We need 3 people on each shift to run the organization

Diversity is an issue

More arrests are being made

Morale is always an issue

Police Chief would like to hire another full time officer. Have 11 full time officers now.

Option would be to hire a full time police clerk to take some of the desk work from the sergeants. This is down the road option

The new contracts should help with keeping part time officers

In the next 30 days we will be down to 1 part time officer

Going to have an ordinance at the next council meeting recommending a 12<sup>th</sup> full time officer.

Council would like to see a schedule of where the new FT officer will fit in

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Roetting would like to look at commercial trucks and parking on the streets. This could be something we look at in the future.

The season has started for grass cutting. There is already starting to be a grass cutting list.

*Summer Session:*

*Mrs. Moody made a motion to move into summer session being the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of June, July, and August. Mrs. Lingo seconded the motion. An aye vote carried the motion and we will begin summer session.*

**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 7:50 pm.

  
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President of Council Ross Bittner

  
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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council