MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 18, 2018

The council meeting was called to order by Pro-Tempore, Denise Lingo at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Ms. Petersen

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes noted for the December 4, 2018 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

There is swearing in of 3 officers this evening. Chief Demasi is here this evening with the officers to be sworn in.

Full-Time Police Officer, Collin Higgins Full-Time Police Officer, Cynthia James Part-Time Police Officer, David Bacon

Welcome these 3 officers to the City of Mt. Healthy.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification - Jennifer Moody

The Christmas decorations look very nice.

Safety/Streets - Joe Roetting

Would like to talk about the 16 year old girl who was arrested for Family Dollar disturbance. The police released body camera video today. From what was seen the police did everything properly. There was no excessive force. Job well done to our police officers for doing exactly what they were supposed to do.

Finishing up work at Perry and Madison. There is still a big sign to no through traffic. The sign will be coming down soon.

WeThrive - Jennifer Moody

Mrs. Moody attended the recognition dinner for WeThrive. The City of Mt. Healthy received a proclamation for our participation. Very impressed with the event and all the things that other communities have done being in WeThrive. It is well worth being part of the WeThrive community.

Summary Report for the Christmas in Mt. Healthy: Karen Arnett

Co-Sponsored by The Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project, Paul Young Funeral Home, and Mt. Healthy Business Association

- There were 18 venues City wide, most being in the Business District.
- Excellent turnout even though it did rain
- All vendors reported good attendance
- Hilltop Glass Creations had about 250 attended open house
- Aquatics and Exotics estimated about 100 people there at 2:00 shark feeding
- Library had 80 visitors for the crafts. They did run out of crafts before their 4 hour window was over
- Got Ink had 50 visitors
- Ornament exchange had over 50 visitors, which 2 people from out of town came specifically for the exchange.
- Had approximately 25 volunteers
- There were 6 people on the committee

They hope to build this as an annual event. "Thanks" to everybody for their help.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Would like to "Thank" everybody for the Christmas event. It was an amazing event. It was shocking to see everybody come out in the rain. Paul Young had to cancel their portion of the event because of the rain. They will be having the carriage rides this weekend.

Would like to bring up the kids and things getting crazy after school. We have had some big issues this past week. Two kids claimed they were jumped and one of the attackers was an adult in Walgreen's parking lot. Two girls filed a false police report accusing our police of things that didn't happen. There is body camera footage that shows it didn't happen. The police did press charges and the girls were arrested. The most recent incident is still under investigation. There is no video footage from Family Dollar yet. Our police do have our support in these situations.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Contacted by Board of Elections and they will be removing the polling precinct at the Legion. They have asked us if we would have any facility available. Community Room is an option for 2019.

The Joint Fire District report was in your packets. There is a lot of good information in there and come straight from our work sessions and meetings. Review the report. We will have Management Partners at our next council meeting on 1/8/19 to go over the report in more detail. We will eventually have public hearings and work sessions to move this along. It is a long process. The big part is council passing legislation. We will go into more detail at the next meeting.

Gas rates were on your desk tonight. The date to set the rate depends on the notification to residents we want to do. January 31st goes in line with our program. Council says watch the rates for a little longer and lock in around \$3.80.

Traffic signal program - Found out some of our traffic signals on Compton east from Hamilton to the border dir not qualified for funding by the State because traffic counts are not high enough. It doesn't mean we can't switch them out, but the State is not going to pay for it. We will have more information on this in your next packet.

Talking with Mr. Cutter and we are discussing doing some cosmetic work in council chambers. The carpet is very old and maybe a new paint color.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

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

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 18-1870: A second reading of ordinance 2019 annual appropriations. 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 18-1871: A second reading of ordinance to set compensation for certain full time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. 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.

Ordinance 18-1872: A second reading of ordinance to set compensation for appointed officials and part time employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 18-1873: A second reading of 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. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 18-1874: A first reading of ordinance amending the 2018 appropriations 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 Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 18-1875: A first reading of 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. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

REMINDER: The first meeting in January 2019 would be the 1st. Mr. Parsons mad a motion to change the January council meetings from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month to the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. We will go back to regular session in February. Mr. Roetting seconded the motion. An aye vote carried the motion.

Meetings will be January 8th and January 22nd at 7:00pm

NEW BUSINESS:

Gregg Cutter, Public Works put together a very nice yearend report. This was in your packets

We have found a replacement for Moriah's position. She will be starting December 26, 2018. This will continue to be a part-time position.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

President of Council Ross Bittner

Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council