

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2013

A public hearing was held prior to council meeting regarding 1411 Compton Road, the Duvall Property.

The council meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Ross Bittner at 8:50 P.M. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George

Absent and Excused: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Treasurer Judy Petersen, Law Director Steve Wolf, Auditor Jill Claire, Mayor Joseph Roetting

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the February 5, 2013 was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Beavers at Heritage Park:

The tree commission recommends the wrapping of selected trees around the Heritage Park pond in order to protect them from the beavers. Many of the trees around the pond are the invasive Callery pear, and the thinning these need can be provided naturally by the beavers. However, several sycamore trees along the banks of the pond should be protected. The commission will work with volunteer residents to wrap the trees as specified by such groupings as Beaver Solutions LLC. Beaver tree chewing activity is highest in the fall, so the tree wrapping will be done as winter ends and the cold temperatures moderate.

Beavers are timid animals and won't cause harm to humans. It is a wetland preserves, so it defeat the purpose.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Nick Stenger 7704 Harrison Avenue, the city on a hill. Maybe council could make a resolution to address the state and voice the concern. Give an exemption to low income residents. You put a block on a license and then they can't get to work because they couldn't afford to pay their income tax and now they can't drive.

We can only collect a flat 1.5% base on State Laws.

Money gets spent in the city that really isn't fair to everybody.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events/Park Recreation: Jamie Wolf; Work will begin soon on the summer park calendar.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: Joseph Roetting

Received a letter from Kathy Lorenz of the food pantry letting us know The Greater Cincinnati Building and Construction Trades Council is hosting a Construction Apprenticeship Fair from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Super Jobs Center on Central Parkway.

"Thanks" to Karen Arnett for the information on the Beavers and being aware of what is going on at the park. A job well done.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

January month end reports are in the packets.

The GAAP report has already begun and very pleased with our new vendor. We might get it on time this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

Balanced with the bank and auditor for January.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 13-1664 A first reading of Ordinance changing the zoning for property at 1411 Compton Road from “C” residence district to “E-1” retail business district and “D” residence multi-family district.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody thinks we need department reports once a month. As a representative of the city I don't feel we have a good handle on our services in the city. How many runs are made? How many guns have been taken off the street? Would have no clue. We should not have to look through the Hilltop Press to see what is going on.

- The mayor says he will get these reports.
- Mrs. George doesn't feel it's the reports that are needed, but there is a disconnect between department heads and council. If the department heads could take turns every month and give council a report.
- Mrs. Moody says just a report is fine. We get very good reports from Bill Knight and he is only part-time. We know what he does. Great reporting. I know I am informed from Bill Knight and I don't feel like I know anything from the other departments.
- Some sort of report each month would be nice.

Last week we had a gentleman that did a very good job giving us information on the gas & electric aggregation. Mr. Parsons thinks we need to at the next council meeting give Mr. Kocher a formal go ahead on the aggregation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Everybody was presented with a letter concerning the Duval Property. The signed copies will go in CMHA's application. There is not an obligation to sign the letters.

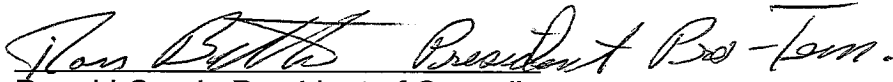
Historical Society is at Perkins tomorrow. It's all day.

The newsletter will be going on in the next waste bill mailing.

Mrs. George would like to go on record to say she does not feel comfortable signing this letter based on feeling pressured by the letter just being it just being given to us

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.


Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council