

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2014

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, Mr. Wolf, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Finance Director Jill Claire, City Manager Bill Kocher, Mayor Joseph Roetting, Law Director Steve Wolf, Chief Marc Waldeck, Chief Steve Lawson

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the March 4, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Parsons received a letter from Hamilton County Auditor's regarding the Homestead Exemption. This is a money saver for elderly people. We should do something to try to let our residents know that there is still an opportunity to apply for the Homestead Exemption. Beginning January 1, 2014 there is a means test, those over 65 and are making more than \$30,500 of adjusted gross income will not be eligible for it. There is still time to apply until June 2, 2014. Maybe we could put something on the website or in the Hilltop just to try and get the word out to the community. Anybody eligible before 2014 would be grandfathered in forever. The state makes up the money for this, so it does not impact the community.

Join us at the stadium on Tuesday, April 29th when the Cincinnati Reds host the Chicago Cubs. Events like this Community day with the REDS remind all of us that ENTIRE community continues to play a role in the academic success of our students. Tickets will be on sale every day at the Jr/Sr High School. Every ticket sold will generate a contribution toward the support of academic initiatives for our students. If we reach a goal of selling at least 750 tickets, the Jr/Sr HS choir will sing the National Anthem and a resident or supporter within our community will have the opportunity to throw out the first pitch. Jamie Wolf will be the City's point person to get together a group.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Harness, President, Board of Education:

Recognized two individuals last night.

David Kuhlman wrestled his way to a 21-10 record and the District Tournament. This week Mt. Healthy Owls Wrestling Program finished its season with a senior and Coach participating in the 2014 SWOWCA All-Star Meet. David Kuhlmann is a graduating senior that finished the year with 21-10 record and wrestled his way to the Southwest Ohio District Tournament. After high school he will be joining the Marine Reserves.

Mr. Greg Robinson from special needs curriculum director received his doctorate of secondary education. He has been working on it for the past 3 years in addition to a full time job. Very proud of him!

The Mt. Healthy Alumni of the year for 2014 is Mr. Gene Hessler from the class of 1949. We will be honoring him on senior night coming up in May.

On Sunday evenings Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church has the Leo Coffeehouse. They have live music every Sunday night through May. The cost is \$3 to get in per person. There are memberships you can buy for \$10. It is a really nice relaxing evening. They have coffee and donuts. Begins at 7:00pm

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting last Monday. The S.T.A.C.I.E. Foundation will be opening a new crisis and resource center called Wings of Hope. It will open in early May. Mark Gold was at the meeting to discuss his new business which is called Check first. It does background screening. There was quite a bit of talk about Celebrate Mt. Healthy on September 13th. There will be a lot of new things going on this year at the event. There will be more details to follow.

Beautification Committee: Ross Bittner; The plant sale raised between \$600-700. This was more than last year. Their meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm here at City Hall

Historical Society: Denise Lingo; Reads a report from Penny Huber; they met on March 5th. 7 people attended. Collection Committee reported on several recent acquisitions. They did 2 museum tours. Working on inventory with the help of their intern. Tree dedication will be May 4th at 1:00pm. Reviewed the strategic plan and reached 5 more of their goals. Established an outreach committee to expand their membership and community involvement. Discussed standing rules revisions.

Events/Park: Jamie Wolf; Working with Ray Rissel to come up with dates for movie nights, bingo, and campouts. They will be posted shortly.

Levy Committee: ?; Former President of Council, Don Crank had this committee. We will need to appoint a new person for this.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Block watch meeting will be Thursday night at 7:00pm

Working on an Opera program to perform at Mt. Healthy High School. This event is still in the planning stages. Will keep working on this.

Beautification Committee will sponsor Clean up Mt. Healthy on May 17th from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

We have put together Committee for 2017 Celebration. There will be a meeting Sunday at 1:00pm here at City Hall

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Aggregation letters are going out. The gas opt out letters will go out to everybody. They will also send a letter to everybody who is not a Duke customer. The electric opt out letter will go out to residents that are currently a Duke customer. We will be doing a link on our website for those folks that would like to see if they are eligible to register.

At the last meeting we discussed the two signs in the business district that are no longer there and have not been taken down. We have contacted the owners and Hermann inquired about putting up a blank sign so they wouldn't have to take the whole electrical sign down. The second person has not responded yet.

There will be a March 31st Planning Commission meeting at 4:30pm. This will be a continuation of the February 28th meeting. We needed to work through the two items discussed about the chickens and home occupation. We need better clarity on these. Rich is going to work on incorporating the modifications discussed.

Park camera's there are 10 of the 13 are working. The 3 cameras not working have something to do with the underground wiring. We still have great views of the parks.

Civic Commission will be doing a cleanup Heritage Park on March 29th. Looking for volunteers to help. We will be working with them to get supplies.

The grind and overlay project and identifying possible streets for these additional funds from the State. We drove the city with Gregg and our city engineer and looked at criteria. We can't do a complete reconstruction project. We will get a zero percent interest loan. We found the two streets that fit the criteria to be:

South Martin (Compton to the South Martin Reserve entrance) and Hoffner will cost about \$155,000

Summe and we would pick up the small part of Seward going into Ridgewood will cost about \$105,000

Next step will be getting the legislation to council.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: JILL CLAIRE

Month end reports for February are in council packets.

The 2013 GAAP and Audit are now in progress.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 14-1699: An ordinance assessing costs of household waste and recycling collection and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:


Reminder the Financial Disclosure deadline for filing is April 15th. You can file online.

NEW BUSINESS:


None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council
James Wolf, President Pro Tempore



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council