

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 1, 2014

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Pro Tem James Wolf at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

City Manager Bill Kocher, Mayor Joseph Roetting, Law Director Steve Wolf, Finance Director Jill Claire

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the March 18, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Eugene Rebsch; Would just like to "Thank" the City for the new lights in the park. They really make a nice difference. It was a great idea to replace them with LED.

Owns the home at 1754 Compton Road. Has been trying to sell for a while now. Has done many upgrade. Has been having trouble selling the house. It is right down from where Jane Hoop was. Has heard there is no parking as a complaint from potential buyers. There is a street sign across from the house that says "No standing or stopping" Since the school is gone can we have them taken down?

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Joseph Roetting*

"Thanks" to everybody who helped with the cleanup at Heritage Park. There was almost 2 tons of trash picked up.

May 17th is clean up Mt. Healthy, which is sponsored by MHCBC, (Mt. Healthy Community Beautification Committee) 8:00AM Meet at the Pool House in the City Park.

S.T.A.C.I.E Foundation had its grand opening today at noon. They are located at 7601 Hamilton Avenue.

Mt Healthy Athletic Boosters' Bob Kline Memorial Dance will be Saturday, April 5th at the Eagles Hall. It is \$25/couple and \$15/person.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

Corvair Club donated \$300 to the park for their use of our community room. They donate this every year for park improvements. Would like to "Thank" them for this donation.

Part of this year's Community Development funds is acquisition and demolition. We are going to start getting demo bids for the Jewell Recording Studio on Kinney. We will use the community development funds to demo this. It will be a green space for now.

The Planning Commission approved the zoning changes that have been going on. The biggest focus was primarily on chickens and the home occupancy. It will now come to council as one big package. We will do a 30 day notice of the public hearing. We became well educated on chickens. We had great input with residents that are highly involved in the 4H. We ended up basis it on the size of the lot. The most chickens on anything less than a half-acre is 12.

There were two options to choose from:

1. Strictly as zoning. So once these are approved it becomes the owner's responsibility to seek out more information. If they are in compliance there would be no permit process.
2. Do is as a special conditional use.

We did go with the strictly zoning. We will get this completed and out to council soon.

Home Occupation was the 2nd change discussed. We changed this to allow 1 full time equivalent worker in the home that is not a family member.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-1054: A resolution authorizing the City Manager to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvements program and to execute contracts as required. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 14-1055: A resolution declaring it necessary for levying tax exceeding ten mill limitation, certifying five mills for fire protection and emergency services levy questions to the Hamilton County Auditor. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Brandy asks for an update regarding the property on Compton that was on the demo list. We have not heard anything in a while. They were supposed to be applying for permits and it has become the same thing we have been getting from them all these years. The last communication was they either had to get a permit or bring it back to council and present the plan. Council will like to have Bill Knight to get them back in to council and give us an update because it is going to go back on the demo list.

Bargains & Burgers sign? The sign out front is just a hand written sign. Have they had any communication with the City regarding this business?

They do have to go in front of the Planning Commission because they are not a non-profit store, which is the rules for Thrift Stores in the business district. They are going to come to Planning Commission to request a conditional use permit. They can stay open while the process is ongoing. The Board of Health has been through the business.

Mr. Wolf would like to just remind everybody about the Red's Tickets for the game on the 29th of April. We will be getting group seats. The deadline is April 10th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monica Boylson has started to work with "We Thrive" to set up a community garden here in Mt. Healthy. They will come in and discuss this at an upcoming council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
April 1, 2014**

Bill Kocher opened by reviewing the progress made thus far, arriving at a ballpark number of \$450,000 - \$480,000. Funds would be for police and fire and would relieve the general fund to give more to the public works/streets. The next step is for council to decide how to get there (i.e. property tax/levy, income tax, adjust reciprocity, or a mixture). The timing is getting close as levy certification needs to be at Board of Election by August for November election. Will also need to start public education for support.

Mt. Healthy currently has a 1.5 income tax with 1.25 reciprocity. Steve shared the tax and levy numbers of other communities for comparison.

One option that was proposed is to increase the income tax by .25 (to 1.75) and add a 2.8 mills police levy. The income tax increase is estimated to bring in approximately \$200,000 and the levy would bring in approximately \$225,000.

Another option that was proposed is to just have a .5 income tax increase (to 2) with 1.5 reciprocity and designate the .5 increase to police (relieving general fund to aid fire & streets). The income tax increase and change of reciprocity is estimated to bring in approximately \$450,000. Unlike levies, this would not need to be voted on every five years and has the ability to grow over time.

After much discussion of the pros and cons of each scenario, and the likelihood of them passing, it was decided to have a focus group to get feedback from a diverse group of citizens. Jenny and Jamie have experience with facilitating similar meetings and volunteered to assist. There will be a preparatory meeting on April 7, at 4 p.m. at city hall. Results will be shared with council at the April 15 council meeting. Goal for focus group meeting is May 7. Will have a sign in sheet to collect contact info for future public education/support efforts.

Work session adjourned at 9:00 p.m.