

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 15, 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, Ms. Petersen

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Moody, Mrs. George

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

*Mrs. George arrived at 7:30pm.*

**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 April 1, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

On Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Wesley Werner American Legion Post 513 will be holding their annual parade and Memorial Day services in Mt. Healthy. Council members will let the Mayor know who would like to walk in the parade.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Eugene Rebsch addressed council making park suggestions. Would like to see the gazebo be available to rent because right now it is first come gets it. He sees there may be trouble involving folks who are wanting the space at the same time. He would also like to see a bigger picnic area to be available for rent. The City would be able to make a little money from it.

*Mr. Parsons made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:15pm regarding litigation. Mr. Wolf seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried the motion 5-0. Council invited outside council and the Building Inspector.*

*Back in session at 7:45pm*

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Beautification Committee - Ross Bittner;** Meetings continue the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6:30pm in council chambers. Clean up Mt. Healthy is May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9-1.

**Historical Society - Denise Lingo;** A report from Penny Huber; they met on April 12th. 12 people toured the museum, received a collection of 5 historical Mt. Healthy films. 2 antique fire nozzles were donated. 6/4 there will be a power point presentation given on the Historic of Mt. Healthy. Julie Turned reported about the Bicentennial Celebration.

**Events/Park - Jamie Wolf;** 2014 Park calendar is been completed and is available on the web and copies are located at City Hall. There is room for adding events. The movies will be determined closer to the dates.

**Safety/Streets – Geraldine Brandy;** Block Watch meetings are continuing to meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Encourage your neighbors to attend these meetings. There has been really good information given out. It's important to look at for our neighborhood.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

None.

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

The aggregation letters are now out to residents. If you want to stay in the program you don't have to do anything.

Maple Avenue project will start up again to complete. The contractor is ready to complete the project.

Public hearing will be before the May 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting regarding the Zoning Changes that have been in discussion for the last several months.

Bargains & Burgers have applied for a Conditional Use permit. They will have to come before the planning commission.

The property on Compton road that we have been waiting for an update will be at the next council meeting to discuss the plans.

## **Finance Director: Jill Claire**

March month end reports were in the council packets.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 14-1700:** An ordinance to repeal City of Mt. Healthy, OH Ordinance 14-1693. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**Ordinance 14-1701:** An ordinance establishing a rental permit program for single family rental units located within the City of Mt. Healthy. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 14-1056:** A first reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, OH.

**Resolution 14-1057:** A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a tax in excess of the ten mill limitation and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Regarding Tax Day with being outsourced to RITA was a quiet day. We were aware of the online issues and have had discussion with them and they are working on upgrading their systems. We will be extending the late fee until the end of the week.

Mr. Parsons mentioned the article in the Cincinnati Enquirer about the Focus Group article. There will also be an article in the Hilltop Press.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Wolf wanted to mention Dud Schultz passed away.

Mt. Healthy 2017 Celebration now has a website. Many "Thanks" to Julie Turner for her work on this. Website is [www.mth2017.org](http://www.mth2017.org)

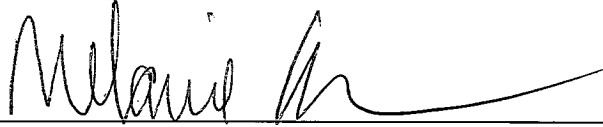
**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.



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Ross Bittner, President of Council



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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
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Bill Kocher opened the work session with a recap of the revenue losses and efforts to manage costs thus far. A handout was distributed that goes into detail of the revenue loss data and hiring decisions that were outsourced or delayed.

Volunteers for a focus group are being solicited via newspaper, social media, local groups, for May 13 at 6:30 p.m. The information in the handouts will be blown up into posters to create several discussion stations to review the data and graphs.

It was suggested to add Police to the General Fund description so that it draws more attention to the Police. It was also suggested to turn the data points into a PowerPoint type format so they are more eye catching and put more emphasis on the actual items the money will be utilized for. Also give detail what the plan is if no new revenue is approved (more reliance on part time, potential outsourcing, deterioration of capital equipment).

Need approximately \$250,000 to meet basic needs. Expect to get comments to close park, cancel fireworks, etc. Goal is to get feedback from community on the current options before them. The focus group should have an open session then wrap up with Q&A. Have a sign in sheet to collect participant contact information. Create response cards for people to fill out of the option they would most likely support:

- All property tax
- All income tax
- Combination of property and income taxes (risk of one or both not passing)

Work session adjourned at 9:05 p.m.