

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 16, 2013

The council meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Ross Bittner at 7:00 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, City Manager Director Bill Kocher

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the April 2, 2013 was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There is a letter from Decosimo in your packets that need to be filled out and sent back to them in the envelope provided.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Arnett would like to let residents aware that with spring upon us the tree trimmers have been out in our city going door to door asking to trim trees. Topping is perhaps the most harmful tree pruning practice. It is a waste of money for you to have it done. If there is any value for your property to have trees, topping erases the value. Tree topping is not accepted in our neighborhood.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Mt. Healthy will observe Arbor Day on April 27th by planting trees in the city playground. With the assistance of the cub scouts the Urban Tree Commission will plant three native species of shade tree: a red oak, a sycamore, and a tulip tree.

In addition to the tree planting, two Mt. Healthy households will be recognized for outstanding trees in their yards. The event will begin at 10:30 with a proclamation. The public is invited to join us at the city park.

The tree commission has partnered with the Mt. Healthy School Board, which has lent them land behind the administration building. They will be putting in a tree nursery. This will be a great way to cut costs from about \$250 per tree to 35cents per tree. There is just a lot more work involved.

Clean up Mt. Healthy will be May 11th. There will be more details to follow.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

There is going to be a state project that will be set to start in 2016 at Hamilton and Kemper. Surveying has started and looks like it may be started in 2014. The state wants to widen that area through there. There have been a ton of accidents at that intersection. You will be seeing activity there starting. This is all a state project. As information comes in I will keep everybody posted.

We have continued to work with South Elementary regarding Werner Avenue traffic. The chief met with the principal of South Elementary. The school is sending out another letter to parents. The police are going to look at doing the blocking of the street more than once a year. We will continue to monitor this.

We met with Montgomery to discuss the police software, which our police department is looking at getting. We are also going to talk with Blue Ash regarding this software. We need to start putting together all the costs and make sure we get what we need and what we can afford. We will keep council up to date.

3 of the 4 properties have now been demolished. One of the properties caused damage to the neighboring house. The company that is doing the demo is bonded and has been hired by the Port Authority. We will be of assistance to them if needed, but we are of actually out of it at this point. We do still have the one on Hamilton Avenue and Stevens that are still in the loop.

We are now looking at the financing portion of the LED lighting program. We received an interest rate through the program, but we are going to look at other banking industries to make sure we are getting the best rate. This money is not in our budget and we will be borrowing this money.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

The aggregation ordinances that are on the table for tonight is for an opt-out program. This means all residents are automatically in the program and would have to opt-out if they did not want to be in, which would be given notifications on how to do this. This is how we would get better rates with this program.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

March Month End reports are in the packets for council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

Balanced with the bank and auditor for March.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 13-1665 A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Hamilton County Storm Water District regarding the Seward Avenue easement project. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 13-1666 A first reading of Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Hamilton County Board of Elections to submit a ballot questions to the electors.

Ordinance 13-1667 A first reading of Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Hamilton County Board of Elections to submit a ballot questions to the electors.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Parsons; at the last meeting we heard the plans from Brandstetter Carroll and we decided to have the park committee would do some looking into this. We like to recommend the Urban Tree Commission be involved in the tree planting in the park to cut back on some costs. Mr. Bittner agrees this would be a great idea.

The Park Committee meeting regarding the park planning is set for Monday, April 22nd at 6:30pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody; there is a new business going in to where Ester's Hair Care was located, which looks like a resale shop. Was just wondering whose obligation it is to remove these signs.

Ms. Arnett called to our attention that there have been some towing issues down at Heritage Park, which is a cost of \$90 to be towed and \$12/day for storage. There is some confusion with new owners now at that location. The "Cars will be towed" are still up.

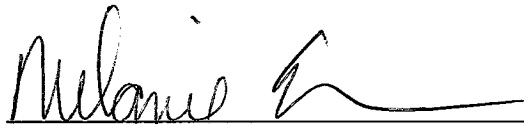
Mr. Kocher will talk to the owners and find out what exactly they plan to do and what they would like for this parking issue.

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 7:50 P.M.



Donald Crank, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council