

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 6, 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, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George, Ms. Petersen

Absent and Excused: none.

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 15, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

CMHA sent an invitation to join them for a Strategic Plan Unveiling. They will unveil its Strategic Plan at a community meeting. For nearly a year a consultant has been meeting with employees, residents and the Hamilton County community as a whole to receive input into creating the plan. This meeting will be the culmination of those meetings put into a presentation to share CMHA's new strategic direction with the community. Tuesday, May 27th at 6:00pm at the Cintas Center.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Residents are here tonight to address council regarding the condition of 7821 Joseph. This property was vacant for 3 years and somebody came in, painted the inside only, which had a mold problem. The next month it had folks living there. This property is not up to code and unfit for human occupancy. They have seen critters going in and out of the houses attic. These residents would like something to be done about this property.

Mr. Kocher will look into this with Bill Knight and contact the concerned residents.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Ashlee Young, Health Educator, Hamilton County Public Health WeThrive!

Ashlee is here this evening to talk about Mt. Healthy becoming a WeThrive! community. She is working with Monica Boylson on this project. WeThrive! began in 2009 as a county wide initiative to make healthy living easier. Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH) engaged schools, businesses, churches, elected officials and residents to address chronic disease by increasing access to healthy foods and physical activity opportunities, while decreasing exposure to secondhand smoke. This collaboration resulted in numerous policy and environmental changes that will have lasting impact in our communities. As a result, HCPH is expanding the focus of WeThrive! to include additional pathways to improve the overall health of a community.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Joseph Roetting*

Civic Association will be meeting May 7th at 7:00pm in the Community Room.

Focus group meeting is May 13th at 6:30pm in the Community Room. There are currently 9 people signed up and we are looking for 30. Call City Hall to get signed up. Looking to get community input on adding a tax levy.

Clean up Mt. Healthy is Saturday, May 17th from 8:00am – 1:00pm. Meet at the Community Room. There will be refreshments served.

Memorial Day parade will be Monday, May 26th. Council is to meet at the Dairy Bar to walk in the parade at 1:45pm. Parade starts at 2:00pm.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

There is a small lot on Forest Avenue that is facing tax foreclosure. It is .182 acres. The Port Authority contacted us regarding this property to see if the City would like to purchase this lot. We contacted Teresa Wolf, she owns the 2 four family properties next to this lot. She is interested in purchasing this lot and making it parking for the apartments. This would make it possible to sell the buildings separately. We will continue to work with The Port on this.

The public hearing for the Zoning Ordinance changes was cancelled. We found out about a notification process that we need to do. There is a planning commission meeting on May 27th.

Mr. Kocher provided sample reports from the Police Department. These reports can be very detailed. Would like feedback on the reports.

We will have poster boards explaining all the budget details that council has reviewed in the work sessions at the Focus Group Meeting. Department heads will be at this meeting to answer questions.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-1056: A second reading of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Board of County Commissioners, Hamilton County, OH. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Resolution 14-1058: A first reading of resolution to engage the City of Mt. Healthy in Hamilton County Public Health's WeThrive! initiative.

OLD BUSINESS:

Maple Avenue project is complete. They did a great job.

1514 Compton Road update; The attorney for that property cancelled for this evening. They plan to be at the next council meeting.

The school at Compton and Harrison has 4 big signs hanging. There is an ordinance regarding signs.

Mr. Bittner would like to "Thank" Jamie Wolf for heading up the Red's Game.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council has agreed to continue regular council meetings through the summer. They will not move into summer session. Meetings will continue the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:00pm.

The Beautification Committee is looking for volunteers to help plant the flowers in the pots that are put around the City. Looking at May 14th and May 15th. Contact Connie Graham for details.

You can find great information at the Mt. Healthy next door website. www.nextdoor.com

Jill Claire has Dine to Donate coupons for Bob Evans on Colerain. Donations go to the Mt. Healthy food pantry.

Mrs. Lingo made a motion to move into Executive Session at 8:10pm regarding litigation. Ms. Petersen seconded the motion. Roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. Council invited outside council and the Building Inspector.

Back in session at 8:35pm

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council