

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 1, 2014

A public hearing was held prior to council meeting regarding the 2015 Tax Budget. This is an estimated budget for 2015, which is required by the county. This is not a permanent budget. This is to validate that we do have expenses and have the need for the levies that we have. This will need to be passed by a motion from council during the meeting tonight.

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:05pm. 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. George made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Brandy to excuse the absent members All in favor *motion carried*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with a change on Page 2 for Celebrate Mt. Healthy, September 13th of the June 17, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion.

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the June 17, 2014 work session was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Eugene Rebsch addressed council regarding the stop lights at the Hamilton Avenue intersections being long on the weekends. Can those be put on a timer to not give the delay for traffic times to weekend? Sometimes you sit at the light from Compton for minutes and there is no traffic going by on Hamilton Avenue.

Mr. Kocher will speak with engineers and see if the system is sophisticated enough to do this.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *Joseph Roetting*

July 3rd is Thursday. The Beautification committee is still looking for volunteers to help with the pop and beer booths.

July 24th The Ohio Military Band will be playing in the park. From 7:00 – 9:00pm.

In the news there was a North College Hill gentleman that was tased near his heart and was died from the injury. The family and North College Hill just settled a lawsuit and the family of the guy won. We are going to be looking into this and look at our city's policy to see if there are changes that may need to be made.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

An update on the Forest Avenue lot that was going to be purchased by the owners of the apartments. It was put back to the Port Authority to make the sale with the property owners. We have a good working relationship going with the Port Authority and this whole property acquisition is new to both of us. We found out the Port has established a rate for a non-profit and a rate for profit, which is higher. The City had told the owners they could purchase it for \$1000. The Port says it will cost \$5000. It is still a good thing and the Port is willing to sell it to the CIC for \$1000 and we can turn around and sell it to the property owners. It will just be an extra step and a little different route.

Another conversation we have been having with the Port is regarding Historic Stabilization. The old Main Theatre on Hamilton Avenue could maybe qualify for this program. We have been trying to put this property in a land bank for years, but they have never been able to get a title on the property. There are funds available to restore buildings that are historic in nature. The Port has chosen this property as one of the ones they would like to do. They bring in agencies that would put a proposal on what needs to be done to stabilize to make it structural safe. It's not a complete restore. What the City needs to do is declare it a nuisance and start the process. We will pull some reports together and will need to have council by motion approve this process.

Karen Arnett is looking for the City's support in the nomination of the Charles Cheney site to the National Park Service's National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. It would get that site a historical marker. This does not incur any costs to the city or does not put any restrictions on the land. Being recognized will be an asset to our bicentennial year observance and beyond. We will send a letter requesting this.

The ISO rating is driven by building and zoning codes. We are a 4 for residential and a 3 for commercial. This is an insurance rating scale of 1 to 10, 1 being the worst, 10 being the best.

There was a tree that fell the other day on Harding Avenue. The tree fell on two cars that were neighbors. We are working to help the neighbors get in touch with the owners of the property the tree was on to take care of the tree. There is another branch that needs to come down. It is private property, so we have to take the necessary steps to get this taken care of in a timely manner.

A film promotion company contacted Fire Chief, Steve Lawson about coming out to the July 3rd kids parade and promoting a new movie that is coming out July 18th. The movie is Planes: Fire and Rescue.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 14-1707: An ordinance approving a contract with Springfield Township Joint Economic Development Zone 1 board of directors for the administration, collection and enforcement of the JEDZ1 tax and declaring it an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0

Ordinance 14-1708: A first reading of an ordinance submitting an income tax increase from 1.5% to 2.0% to the Mt. Healthy voters and declaring an emergency.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 14-1060: A first reading of resolution declaring it necessary for levying tax exceeding ten mill limitation, certifying 5.0 mills for fire protection and emergency services levy questions to the Hamilton County Auditor. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Ms. Petersen. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Jamie Wolf would just like to get the word out about the Nextdoor website for our neighborhood. He has posted the last two movies on the website and has had great turn out. The website is a great place to get the word out on upcoming events.
Nextdoor.com

Bayes and Sons has started work on the 7272 Hamilton Avenue property. Mrs. Moody was told that the parking lot will be available for park visitors after construction is complete.

There is not a confirmed price on the fireworks for Celebrate Mt. Healthy. Waiting to hear back from Lynch Fireworks.

At the ^{July 15th} ~~August 5th~~ council meetings there will be door hangers to start handing out for the safety levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Jamie Wolf would just like to share that there is residents of Mt. Healthy looking at a property here in our city to open up a micro brewery. They have told him they had a very good experience working with the city to get this off the ground. These will be a great addition for the city.


Mrs. Moody would just like to bring up that Trinity Church would like to hang up a banner advertising vacation bible school. They would put it around the community garden and would only stay up for a couple of weeks.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. George. Roll call vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council