

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2014**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:05 pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Ms. Brandy

Mrs. Lingo made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Wolf 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 as printed of the August 5, 2014 meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Pens will be handed out at Celebrate Mt. Healthy with the 2017 Mt. Healthy Bicentennial information on them.

Steve Harness, Mt. Healthy School Board; school starts on Thursday, August 21st. Please be on the watch for kids at bus stops and walking. There is a new principal at the high school and north elementary.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Decosimo, Chris Flaig and Krista Braun; they are here tonight to discuss the city's 2013 audited financial statements and to answer any questions.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the MHBA meeting last Monday.

- Celebrate Mt. Healthy on September 13th from 1:00-9:00pm. There is a schedule of events posted on the website. There will be things to do for children, bands, booths and fireworks to end the evening.
- Mt. Healthy Christian Home is having their car show on September 13th from 10:00am-3:00pm. There will also be an indoor craft show.
- Stewart Snow has resigned as Vice President of Mt. Healthy Business Association and is no longer involved in Mt. Healthy Business.

Schools: Jeanne George; School starts Thursday, August 21st. Be extra careful with the kids back out there in the mornings and afternoons.

Events/Park: Jamie Wolf; Ended all summer activities. They all went great. Would like to send a "Special Thanks" to Ridgewood and Affinity residents for attending the Bingo's and bringing in lunch. We have a great time.

Finance: Jenny Moody; The finance committee met tonight before council. We discussed where we are at the half of year mark. There are some concerns, but nothing to be overly concerned about.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

CDBG Block Grant update: We are still working with Brandstetter Carroll on estimates to start a stage structure. This would be a concrete foundation costing as an estimate around \$114,000. The putt putt is not an option any longer because of cost. The funds need to be used by the end of this year.

The stage was on our original plan as a 3rd option, so the stage would not be something new. This was discussed from the beginning. Council gives there approval to go out for bid on the stage project.

We will need to begin work sessions to start work on the November 4th election for the police levy.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Let's plan on having a work session after the next council meeting. Bill Knight will be here to go over the property maintenance code and answer any questions. The working document was handed out at the last council meeting.

Goodies BBQ has been the topic of discussion in the last couple of weeks. A restaurant is a permitted use at the location, but outside preparation of food is not. At first the smoker was going to be off site and the food would just be brought to the restaurant. The Department of Health would not issue him a permanent license with the smoker off premises. We do have Pit to Plate in town and they have an enclosed smoker and not in the core business district. We do not want to see him go. There are complaints of the smoke. We don't want him to enclose the smoker and put a lot of work and money into it and we still come back and say it is still a problem. There could still be smoke after all of it is done. You just don't know. He is working with us and doing exactly as we asked. What we are asking is reasonable and if he complies and if we have complaints we address them at that time.

There have been problems with the pan handling coming off the Ronald Reagan Highway. We have sent the gentleman to our Mayor's court with tickets and the case is dismissed. We were told to start sending them downtown and the prosecutor down there dismissed the cases. We have tried to get him help and take him to the places that could help him. There has been sleeping on the park benches and there is a lot of trash there. As the entrance to the City there seems like there should be something we can do.

Jered Sturm, resident; and real estate investor. Was just at a meeting recently and pan handling was the subject and how they affect property values. There is a study that showed pan handling decreases property values in municipalities by 1.1% to 1.7% if they were at the main entrance to the city.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Jill Claire

July reports are in council's packets.

There are two ordinances that will be heard tonight regarding the budget. These are just to get the budget in balance. They do not get reported to the County. It's just our housekeeping.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 14-1717: A first reading of an ordinance amending and updating the existing Mt. Healthy employee policy manual.

Ordinance 14-1718: A first reading of an ordinance amending the 2014 appropriations and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 14-1719: A first reading of an ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Bittner asks about the new brick enclosure at the Dairy Bar parking lot.

This was the plan for Walker Funeral home to put their dumpster as far away from homes as possible and to enclose it. This went through planning commission and brought to council sometime last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Lingo would like to bring up the look of the car wash on Hamilton Avenue across from Speedway. It is really looking bad right now.

Mr. Parsons has noticed driving around the city that residents have really started to fix up their homes and taking better care of their yards. It is really nice to see


Mrs. George would like to "Thank" the administration team for doing a great job during the transition going to RITA and outsourcing the waste billing. Have not heard residents with any complaints about the transition.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council