

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **August 20, 2013**

The council meeting was called to order by Pro Tem Ross Bittner at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George

***Absent and Excused:*** Mr. Wolf (arrived at 8:00)

Mrs. George made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Moody to excuse the absent member. All in favor, *motion carried.*

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Treasurer Judy Petersen, Law Director Steve Wolf, Auditor Jill Claire, Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted on page 1 and page 4 of the July 16, 2013 was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom is on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 4:00pm. This is an Abolitionist living history tour sponsored by Mt. Healthy, NCH, and College Hill Historical Society, Clovernook Center, Twin Tower Senior Living Community and College Hill Bicentennial. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 day of event.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Mr. Dever** is here with a status update on the Compton Road property that was up for demolition at the last council meeting. We allowed a 30 day extension. The first phase has been completed, which is the problem tenant has vacated the property and now have moved to phase 2. The plan is to renovate the first floor and get the unit rented in the next 30 days. Phase 3 will be to get that back building renovated. Right now they have the back unit boarded up and secure. Mr. Dever is an advocate for the owner of the property and to make sure what has been stated gets done.

Mr. Parson suggests having the building inspector go down and do an assessment of the property.

Mayor Roetting would like to have Mr. Dever put together a 6 month timeline of how he expects this project to go and provide an update each month on the progress.

**Zach Whittle** for the Mt. Healthy Alliance Youth Program would like to invite council to attend the opening of the new location on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We are expecting about 50 kids for the after school program, which will be open on M, Tu, Fri 4-6pm. Youth can enjoy leisure time with Christian adults at our youth program 3 times per week. The center provides positive role models for children in our community. They can play pool, foosball, board games, card games, as well as receive homework help.

**Karen Arnett** just wanted everybody to take note of the Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom. It is a great way to bring the communities together and celebrate something from our past. It is a big deal, so try to check it out.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Tom Davis from Urban Tree Commission has spent 30 years as an arborist and is a Mt. Healthy resident. Gave a great presentation on what trees can do for our city. For a tree to become mature it takes 20-30 years. Started a tree seedling nursery here in Mt. Healthy to cut down on costs. Healthy trees make for a livable community.

Chris Flaig and Erin Klein from Decosimo are here this evening to present the 2012 audited financial statements to council.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business Partnership: Bob Parsons** Celebrate Mt. Healthy will be Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Events/Park Recreation: Jamie Wolf** The normal events have ended in the park for the summer. They all turned out very well.

**Schools: Jeanne George** School starts on Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Watch for the kids and buses.

**Finance: Jenny Moody** The budget is trending about the same.

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

The police department is moving along with the new software.

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

On the September 17<sup>th</sup> council meeting we will be inviting North College Hill to our city for a meeting. It's our turn to host, which will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> part discussion regarding the joint fire district. We will have Springfield Township's Fire Chief here to help with the discussion.

The Storm Water Report has been in place for several years now. We have opted to just go with the county on the assessments and would just like to continue with this contract. This is something that is assessed on everybody's property bill.

Put on council's desk the updated working document of the Zoning Code Amendments from Rich Osgood. Just like to make sure council is following the progress. These are the things we have been discussing all along.

Going to put the 7620 Perry Street property on the Port Authority demo list. This is the most current property the City has purchased. This will save the City the cost of the demo.

The public works has been working with the Urban Tree Commission to take down trees that have been deemed a danger. They have made a list of trees that need to come down. The street department is making its way through the list.

The police department will be holding a test for a new full-time police officer.

The police software is moving forward. Continuing to meet with them. Right now we are just trying to determine how to transfer our existing property room into the new software. Working on different ways for this to be done.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf**

None.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire**

July month end reports are in your packets.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen**

Balanced with the bank and auditor for the month of July.

## **ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 13-1670:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the City of Cincinnati. 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 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 13-1671:** An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA). A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

**Ordinance 13-1671:** An ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest and best bidder for the Maple Avenue improvement project and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Reminder that September will be the beginning of regular council meeting schedule. It will return to the first and third Tuesday's of the month beginning with September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mayor would like council to be thinking of questions for the September 17<sup>th</sup> fire department discussion.

Lives at 1532 Hill Avenue and would just like to comment on the decisions about the park improvements and feels things have been overlooked. Would like to see a picnic shelter that can be reservable for a small fee and also to charge a fee for rental of the gazebo. Does not think putt putt golf will work. The skate park is the best idea there is.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Moody would like to announce the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Kate's Cupboard 5K Run, Walk or Crawl event which benefits Kate's Cupboard and Mt. Healthy Alliance Youth Program. This will be held September 14, 2013 at 09:00 AM.

Mrs. Moody has had to research nursing home for temporary rehabilitation. And she has found that our Mt. Healthy Christian Home has some of the highest ratings in the County. This is something our City needs to recognize because this is really great to have this home in our community.

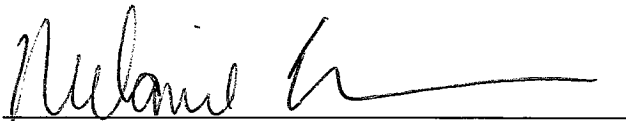
Mrs. George would like to "Thank" the Beautification Committee for such a great job for the beautiful planters in the City. There is one in front of U.S. Bank that has weeds growing around up over the pot, which is taking away from the beautiful planter. It would just be nice to get it cleaned up before the Hamilton Avenue Freedom Event.

**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 9:10 P.M.



Donald Crank, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council