

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner at 7:00 pm. 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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the August 19, 2014 meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Petersen; an aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was a petition turned in regarding Heritage Park.

Heritage Park pond needs the city's care and protection. The diversity of wildlife is an asset to the city. The petition is asking the City to take action. There are people going there to fish. They are not keeping the park clean. The petition would like to see the police go through the park a couple times a day. They are asking the city to become an active presence at the pond to keep the park as an asset and place we can be proud of. They would like to see the park remain an asset to the city.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Still need volunteers for Celebrate Mt. Healthy on Saturday, September 13th.

There will be an executive session before we leave tonight.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

First item is regarding the OPWC loan repayment for the Maple Street Project. This is the \$122,016.38 loan at a 0% interest over 30 years. This is the first time we have done this. They did get us an amortization over the 30 years, but our goal is to not do the whole 30 years. We will look at budgets and plan to pay it off faster.

Would like to discuss the tax ordinance. This needs updating for RITA. There are a few areas we need to look over. It has been a long time since it was reviewed and any changes made. We continue to work with RITA we are seeing there are items we need to need to discuss and possible updated. The current tax ordinance has been sent out to council members. We would like feedback from council. Rita follows our ordinance word for word. We would like to set a target date for an ordinance for 1/1/2015. There was a summary put on your desk that gives the highlights of what will need to be looked at.

The Community Development Block Grant will need to set public hearings. This is a requirement.

Our computer server is reaching the end of its life. There has started to be many issues. Our server is going down almost on a daily basis. Would just like to make council aware that this is something that will have to come. It's not something that has to be done right away, but we don't know how long it will last.

During the last lightning storm we took a direct hit on our park security cameras and our LED lights. We have turned this into our insurance company. We did try to cut some corners to save costs, but with the cameras we have run into a situation where we did the work and we bring up issues to the provider and get the "those are the lines to installed." They are tired of coming out here. We will be looking into alternative providers. We get them up and working again shortly.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 14-1717: After the second reading of an ordinance amending and updating the existing Mt. Healthy employee policy manual. Mrs. Moody makes a motion to **TABLE** this ordinance and Mr. Parsons seconds the motion. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. There still needs to be a few changes made on the policy.

**This ordinance has been tabled.*

Ordinance 14-1718: A second reading of an ordinance amending the 2014 appropriations and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was

made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. The ordinance was adopted

Ordinance 14-1719: A second reading of an ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. The ordinance was adopted

Ordinance 14-1720: An ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest and best bidder for the Martin/Hoffner and Summe/Seward improvement projects and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Ms. Petersen. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. The ordinance was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

The bid process will start over for the park project using the CDBG funds. The plans are now to build a stage foundation and sidewalks. There will be conduits put in for electrical to be put in at a later time.

The car wash across from Speedway does look a little better. It was cleaned up a little

NEW BUSINESS:

There was a good article in the Cincinnati Enquirer on Sunday. It was about the community meal at the Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday evenings. It was a full page and put a very good light on the city.

Mrs. George made a motion to move into executive session for personnel issues at 7:55pm. Mrs. Lingo seconded the motion. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Meeting called back to order at 8:09pm

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
WORK SESSION
September 2, 2014**

One thing we need to discuss tonight is the packet Bill Knight put together for our last council meeting, so we have had time to review this working document. Mr. Knight is here tonight to go over it and answer any questions

An update on the Rental Registration Program which is still floundering out there due to the law suit. Some residents are aware of that and using it to why they are not doing things. We have talked with our magistrate to see if we can start bringing the folks into court. If 90% of residents are going to do self-inspections this is not accomplishing the things we wanted to do. We could always see what we could go with other options out there. We could set up where we inspect one by one sections of the city at different times throughout the city. We have not abandoned this program right now, but with what is out there right now. We have the folks that have got right on it with no problem. The next step will be looking to bring the non-registered into court. If the majority is registering and doing self-inspections and we are collecting the fees then we are not doing much.

1514 Compton Road is supposed to be completed by the end of September. That was the plan laid out by the owner's attorney.

The working document received from Bill Knight at the last council meeting is the next area of business to be discussed. We have wanted to make some changes on the property maintenance side of the document.

- Sanitation is an issue – have seen a few things with outdoor furniture in the front and back yards sitting around fire pits. The only time furniture can be sit outside if it is going to be picked up by Rumpke. Indoor furniture is not to be set out on porches.
- During grass mowing season we have to keep the process moving. Right now our property maintenance says 10 inches is too high and we want to change this to 7 inches. We go through the process quickly. These are the frequent folks that we have to keep giving them notices. Communicate with Bill Knight and there can be an agreement on a time frame to get the work done. We will work with residents if they keep in contact with us.
- Vacant property registration. This needs to be looked at. Each year a vacant house owner needs to pay a fee. This needs to get into our ordinance format.

This will still be a work in progress.

The second item we need to discuss is the upcoming levy, which will raise the income tax rate from 1.50% to 2.0%. Start identifying the places we want to go and speak with residents, Ridgewood, Martin Street, and Lake of the Woods. We need to start stabilizing the police department. Looking for council's input on what we should be doing. We need to put out the details and what the city will do with the increase in taxes. The police department needs to get their faces out there to discuss what needs to happen in their department. Residents like to see the police out there talking with the community.

A community outreach with a cookout is a great idea to get the word out there to and we would be there to answer questions. We need to have the police involved and reaching out to residents. We need to inform these residents. Set up a couple of events:

Jenny Moody will organize one event on September 18th.
Set one up for the 2nd week in October
Maybe have one at Compton Groves

Stickers to be passed out. We will use door hangers to pass out. Also, have flyers to get passed out. Get information out on Nextdoor.

We will get a couple articles put in the Hilltop.

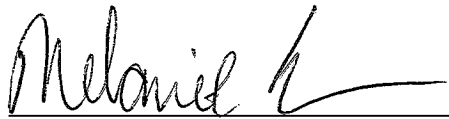
Mr. Kocher will get emails out to find out who can be at which event. There does need to be donations to fund the campaigning. These can be dropped off at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10P.M.



Ross Bittner, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council