

## MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING September 3, 2013

The council meeting was called to order by President Donald Crank at 7:00pm. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

**Absent and Excused:** Mrs. George

Mr. Parsons made a motion and was seconded by Ms. Brandy to excuse the absent member. All in favor, *motion carried*.

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with an additional report from the Historical Society Committee added on to the next minutes from the 8/20/13 meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Karen Arnett** would like to give feedback on what was discussed at the last meeting regarding the proposed demolition of the house across the street here on Perry Street. There was little action with the public. Is there really any savings to demolish now rather than later and will there be any public forum so we can hear about it. Does not see any real big development that would be suitable for across the street from the fire department. It's in good condition and it would be a good use as a house the way it is now.

Mr. Kocher; the city owns that property and Port Authority will not assess us for the demolition. That is the big piece of doing it now, so there is a cost savings. It is a multi-family home.

We only have Port Authority for the end of the year. The funds will need to be spent by the end of the year. The property will be used down the road. It's all part of future planning.

Mrs. Moody; we have discussed this many times and the opportunity that we have will the Port Authority has been a good thing. Picking in choosing what we purchase is a very hard decision. We are trying to get the core of our city to be a better place to want to come in and invest. Right now I hope we are making a good decision.

**Kim Cremeans** Celebrate Mt. Healthy is a week and ½ half away and would like to beg for volunteers. One thing would like to clarify is Bob said something about the event being sponsored by the Business Association and it is not just The Business Association it is The City and also Historical Society. We need volunteers for just about everything. Contact me after council if there is anything else you can help with.

**Jim Rahn:** I walk all over the city everyday with my dog and sees a lot that goes on. Very concerned about the amount of trash along both sides of Hamilton Avenue. Redline Café is the worst with trash. Every Saturday and Sunday morning there are beer bottles, half eaten chicken dinners on the sidewalks and parking lot. The trash cans around the city have been disappearing. Redline Café should have the responsibility to clean up their property.

There are signs posted around town regarding no littering. We have to witness the littering to issue a ticket. If it becomes a cluttering issue it becomes a property maintenance issue.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Historical Society; Mrs. Lingo** Report from the August 20<sup>th</sup> meeting from Penny Huber. The Historical Society met on August 7<sup>th</sup>, they had 10 people present, discussed improvements for facilities in 2014. Approved the following policies; Election, Disaster Plan, Standing Rules & budget. Thanked members for their help for the July 3<sup>rd</sup> event. Discussed ice cream social for the September 21<sup>st</sup> Hamilton Avenue Road to Freedom.

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

Read a letter from Hamilton County regarding the CDBG Block Grant advises us the application process is beginning for the 2014 community development program. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of a 3 year funding cycle. You are scheduled to receive funds for the projects in 2014. Must submit to the county reaffirming support of your 3<sup>rd</sup> year projects. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> year project is the \$20,000 to tear down the Jewel Recording Studio. The funds will be available after March 2014.

We have looked at having camera's in the park being installed. We have found that we can put in 11 cameras for about \$11,000.00, which we will be doing. It will view the entire park. This should help make the park a much safer place.

There is a tentative date for the Honor Flight event for October 10<sup>th</sup>. This is subject to change.

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

The growing working document, which is the next piece on council's desk. This is just to review, be thinking of questions and we will plan for a work session the first meeting in October to discuss in more detail.

Just like to remind council of the next meeting we will have Springfield Township here to discuss the Fire Department.

The first meeting in October we will have a work session.

Still working on the memorandum of understanding to work on some wording. When that is complete we will move forward hiring a full-time police officer. Right now we are down to 2 full-time officers.

Heard from Susan Law that Carol Litzinger passed away last week. The family asked for donations to a Help a Student and we have sent a check out from the city.

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

Just want to clear up some rumors that have been going on regarding the property on Elizabeth Street. That it was going to be a restaurant, that tractor trailers were going back there and a house for Guatemalan workers. The building inspector did take it serious and addressed the concerns. There is not going to be a restaurant, the tractor trailers were delivering windows for the house improvements and no house for Guatemalan workers. It's just a coffee tasting café. The coffee is outstanding. They sell it at Findlay Market.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire**

None.

*A motion was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Parsons to approve the appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the Regional Income Tax Agency, Regional Council of Governments. An aye vote carried the motion.*

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen**

None.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 13-1673:** An ordinance to assess costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The bids for the Maple Street project are due September 12<sup>th</sup>.

We received a check from the County to complete the Seward Avenue project, so that will be finished up soon.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Joe Durant, former City of Mt. Healthy Auditor turned 90.


Father Kennedy retired from Assumption Church.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



Donald Crank, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council