

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 8, 2013

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Ms. Brandy, Mr. Parsons, Mrs. George

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Bittner

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the change on page 3 under the Safety Service Directors report of the December 18, 2012 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. George and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. A motion to adopt the minutes with change noted of the December 18, 2012 was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Mt. Healthy Urban Tree Commission will be hosting an open house at the city's Community Room (next to the pool) on January 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. We'll have a certified arborist on hand to answer tree-related questions, informative displays on trees, and refreshments. Please join us as we look toward spring and the return of green, growing things.

Mr. Crank reads a letter from Ron Mosby; he would like to share some exciting news with council. He has started a new company, Hilltop Public Alliances specializing in strategic communications. Created this company as a result for my passion of communications as well as my experience in campaign management. My purpose and slogan is communication with knowledgeable sincerity.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Michelle Robinson spoke to council regarding the Mt. Healthy Urban Tree Commission. For 2013 the main focus is going to be on Werner Avenue.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: *Joseph Roetting*

None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

Regarding the utility aggregation we have discussed in the past. Having Mark Burns come in and talk to council at the February 5th council meeting to discuss the programs.

The community room rental rates are going to be changed this year as well as some wording in the rental agreement. This still falls competitive with what other community rooms are renting for.

The Police Department's drug testing has become very expensive because it has to go down to the County. The cost can go back to the person if found guilty. They will be teaming up with Green Township a cost savings.

The City will be bringing three part-time officers on as auxiliary officers before becoming an employee of the city. The testing has been done and they will be brought on to begin training.

The fire chief sent out notices to residents on the south end of Hickman. There have been complaints from residents regarding parking issues on this small section of Hickman. The fire chief has recommended putting in a fire lane there. This will need to be done with an ordinance.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding the zone change at 1411 Compton Road. We sent out 100 notices to the residents neighboring this property. About 25-30 residents attended this public hearing. This turned into an open communication round table type meeting, which in the end turned out to be a really good meeting. There were a lot of really good concerns and frustrations from the residents. The biggest concern was the water issue in the back portion of the property. Council will need to make a motion to set a public hearing regarding the zone change. Would like to set this meeting for February 19th.

Met regarding the LED replacement project. There is a really huge savings that can happen with just the replacement of the bulbs in all our city buildings. There are some upfront costs that will need to happen, but there is a really quick return in the savings we will see.

Would like to go back to the meeting format of the first meeting of the month being a short meeting followed by a work session. We will start this on the February 5th meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

Council Members the deadline for filing with the Ohio Ethics Commission is February 6th.

Here are a few key points in the Charter:

- There is now a 2 reading rule for Ordinances and Resolutions.
- The ordinance or resolution will be posted in two places, Community Center and City hall for 14days.
- Council is to create rules of organization
- Police Chief reports to and is appointed by City Manager
- Boards and Commissions are required at the first council meeting of each year to select a chair person.
- Elected officials hold offices until expiration

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

We have applied for the Red's makeover grant. Hopefully we will get it this year.

Annual legislation will be coming at the next council meeting. This allows the Auditor or Treasurer to ask for advancement on our funds if needed. We have done this each year.

Decosimo is going to come in and do a presentation on our GAAP report. This may be on the February 5th meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

None.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 12-1041 A second reading of resolution to concur with the Safety Service Director's action to proceed with the demolition of a structure at 7804 Hamilton Avenue., Mt. Healthy, OH 45231.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Wolf to set a public hearing regarding the zone change at 1411 Compton Road. Mrs. George seconded the motion. An aye vote carried the motion. A public hearing will be set for February 19 at 7:00pm before the regular scheduled council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:


Mayor Roetting will not be at the next council meeting.


An advertisement for a part-time public works employee will be going out in the paper.

There is a CIC meeting tonight after council.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.


Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council