

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 1, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Treasurer Judy Petersen, Auditor Jill Claire, Mayor Joseph Roetting, City Manager Bill Kocher

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting as printed was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mt. Healthy Alliance cordially invites board and staff to attend the Grand Opening at Zone 231 Youth Center at Mt. Healthy Alliance Executive Office, Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am ribbon cutting and dedication followed by an open house until 1:00pm.

On behalf of St. John Baptist Parish, would like to thank you for your gift of \$50 in memory of Carol Litzinger (a former employee) benefiting our Help-A-Student Education Fund.

Reminder of the Veteran's Day parade in Mt. Healthy on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be a short memorial service following the parade. The parade theme will be honoring all war veterans, men and women.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Dwight Moody** is a small business owner here in Mt. Healthy has concerns with the proposed zoning laws. Would like to put on record along with the Mt. Healthy Business Association to work with the city to move along the 2007 Comprehensive plan. First question is "Is this the right place to address issues with the proposed zoning law?" and second would like to know how council would like to combine efforts with the business association to work on the 2007 master plan. There is a lot of great things Mt. Healthy has to offer and looks forward to working with the city.

Mr. Bittner: "Thanks" Mr. Moody for being here. What you are doing is the best way and would like the input from the citizens.

**Maureen Fink**, a Maple Avenue resident is here to discuss the topic of the killing of the trees on Maple Avenue. "My statement is to address the tearing down of the trees on Maple Avenue to complete street repair work that you claim is necessary. To those of you who were part of this unspeakable, horrendous act of destruction – shame on you. Shame on you for not even telling us the residents of Maple Avenue what was to take place on our street. You may have been talking about it for some time, but none of us knew anything about it until we received a tiny flyer from the Tree Commission. Shame on you for even submitting a grant proposal that included such extreme work without telling us or involving us, the residents. Shame on you for pronouncing a death sentence for 22 beautiful, shade giving innocent victims that had no ability to fend for themselves. Shame on you for not even considering the 40 some tax paying residents of Maple Avenue as well as nearby streets who enjoyed our trees. Shame on you for asking the state for money for a project that we do not want or do not need. Shame on you for calling yourselves our representatives and not asking us for our input on any of these issues. You went through with the plan even after many came to you with our concerns and requests to stop. We have a signed petition asking you stop just so we can talk things out. You couldn't even stop long enough to just sit and talk with us. This shows me what type of government we have here in Mt. Healthy. You will now have to live with the knowledge that you slaughtered 22 living creatures and took away homes of countless birds and squirrels. How will you sleep at night? I don't think you will care one bit because I understand you all voted for this project. Some of us don't even want to live here anymore, but how will we sell our homes with such broad solar exposure and no trees for shade. Nobody wants to live there. You need to change the name of this community to Mt. Healthy to Mt. Destruction."

**Jim Lowenburg** is here this evening regarding the proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. I suggest that council set in place a process to engage people who may be interested and/or affected by any changes. To date, I believe most of the conversation has been internal and it is time to involve the wider community. A number of concerns stand out 1) home occupants/home professions and 2) domestic and other animals.

The City of Mt. Healthy should be working to encourage small businesses can grow to be successful larger businesses and help upon the tax-base of our community. Not by adding so many rules as to discourage entrepreneurs and other home-based occupations. Language can be developed to preserve the integrity of the residential area without jeopardizing the ability of the home-based business to thrive.

### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Donna Barkley from the Mt. Healthy Public Library. Would like to talk briefly about the upcoming renewal of the library levy. Our theme is *Keep our Library Strong*. Not a tax increase. The levy funds books, DVD's, CD's, e-books, library programs and operations. Without it, the library will have to cut \$17million per year. Mt. Healthy library is one of the busiest in the county. The main library is the busiest in the U.S. for 2012. Learn more or volunteer to help at [www.voteforcincylibrary.org](http://www.voteforcincylibrary.org). *IT IS NOT A TAX INCREASE.*

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

None.

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

Would like for council to endorse the Public Library levy.

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

The JEDZ contract was put on council's desk and there will be a public notice for these documents to be available for review and need a motion from council later in the meeting in order to get this document out to the public.

The 2014 budget work has started. Meeting with department heads to go over numbers for the upcoming year. There will be a budget review with the Finance Committee meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 before council. We will present the budget to council at the first meeting in December and will have to act on it at the last meeting in December.

The November 5<sup>th</sup> council meeting will be moved to Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> accommodate the public hearing for the JEDZ.

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

None.

### **AUDITOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire***

The Records Committee met today and Steve Wolf participated by phone. This was an annual meeting.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT: *Judy Petersen***

None.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 13-1674** A first reading of ordinance amending subsection A of section 400 of the Mt. Healthy employee policy manual regarding sick leave.

**Ordinance 13-1675** A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Resolution 13-1048** A second reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Center for Local Government benefits pool. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Resolution 13-1049** A first reading of resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor and declaring an emergency.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

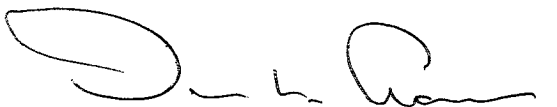
**NEW BUSINESS:**

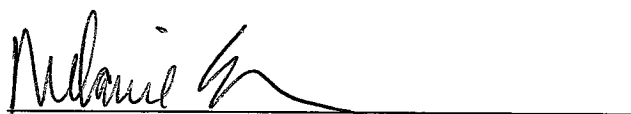
A motion for the City of Mt. Healthy to adopt the Springfield Township JEDZ contract to put out for public review was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

A motion for the City of Mt. Healthy to endorse The Public Library levy was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Bittner. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

  
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Donald Crank, President of Council

  
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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council