

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 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, Mrs. George

Absent and Excused: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with a correction noted on page 3 was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Brad Peterson, Anne Zimmer, Dennis Custer, Tom & Lynn Klingenberg, and Cliff Zimmeren representing residents of Steven Avenue. Residents on Stevens Avenue have had 28 "911" calls in the past two years. That does not include all the non-emergency calls made. They are becoming a continuous problem.

Mr. Kocher is aware of all the issues going on. Not only is there police issues, but they have property maintenance issue and the health department has been there. The city is now speaking with the landlord. The landlord is working with them to get these issues taken care of. The owner owns multiple properties around the area.

Resident: The amount of kids that will get in front of houses and hang out and as adults we try to break things up, which the kids completely ignore us. We would just not want to see it get to where we say something to them and they start shooting.

Resident: Does not want to be on the wrong side of a drug deal. There have been several calls to the police department and nobody showed up. The calls were made to the non-emergency line. The same folks have lived in the residence and not sure how many actually live there. What is the current RCO that the City of Mt. Healthy follows?

Mr. Kocher will follow up through email regarding this question. There will also be follow up on the unanswered police calls.

Resident, Dennis Custer served on City Council many years ago and at that time had asked for a specific ordinance to be drawn up back then and got nowhere with it. Springfield Township, Springdale has an ordinance specific to renters that allows an inspection in between every new tenant. We need to have an ordinance that says we have a right to go into that property. Right now our ordinance reads that our building inspector does not have the right to go into a property without being invited by the renters. Would like to see an ordinance to address how many people can live in a house based on square footage. We as a City should be able to do this. Here we are in 11 years and have not moved forward.

There is legislation drafted right now and is being discussed in work sessions. This will be dealing with these issues. This does not address how many people can live in a house specifically in rentals. Section 8 is very strict on the people in the household and if it is found out somebody is living there not on the application they can lose their vouchers.

Mrs. Moody; as a principal of an elementary school in this community Section 8 does have rules, but there are so many people in violations in this area because of the economy. The schools will try and find out if a student actually lives in this area and all the student has to say is "homeless" and by law you can't touch it. One of the things we can do is work with Section 8 housing and help identify the properties in the city that are Section 8. There are 2 and 3 families doubling up all over the County. We need to have somebody here more than 2 days a week. We may be a small city, but our issues are not.

Legislation is not on the table yet, but this has been great resident input. Once it is on the table there will be opportunity to provide public input for the specific legislation. This is a process and council will have two readings and hear public input and then it will be voted on.

The first council meeting of the month there are work sessions after these meeting. That doesn't invite public input, but you can come and listen and can contact us on the side. We want to hear from residents.

Mrs. George would like to "Thank" the residents of Stevens for coming up this evening. As a resident know that we are all residents of Mt. Healthy and we understand. We are working on addressing these issues. We see it all over Mt. Healthy.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Sylvia Lawson is here to inform us of The Mt. Healthy Halloween Kids Fest on Saturday, October 26th at the City Park from 2pm-4pm. It is a fun afternoon for families. Come dressed in your best costumes. There will be pumpkin carving or painting. There are games, hay rides, face painting and a great community event. This is a free event. A gift from the City to the children of the community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting. Would like to report Rich Osgood was there to explain in detail what the City is working on with the core and zoning changes of the city. October 26th Trinity Lutheran Church is having a Halloween party from 12-2. October 26th Northview Church will be having a Halloween party from 6-8. Mt. Healthy Business Association They voted to endorse the Library Levy.

Historical Society: Denise Lingo; Report from Penny Huber with an update on the last meeting on October 2nd. There were 13 in attendance, 2 visitors. They had a presentation on knitting machines. "Thanks" for all the help with the Ice Cream Social at Celebrate. They had around 40 visitors to the ice cream social and around 6 visitors during the Road to Freedom event. They voted to endorse the Library levy.

Urban Tree Commission: Mayor Roetting; working with the commission to plant some larger trees in front of the park. The city is giving them \$750 to do this.

Finance: Jennifer Moody; There is a finance committee meeting on November 19th at 6:00pm before the evenings council meeting. This will be to discuss the 2014 budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

The Veteran's Day parade will be November 3rd. Council is invited to walk the parade. It starts at 2:00.

Zone 231 has opened. They had their grand opening. The program is open from 4-6 Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

We continue to work on the JEDD and JEDZ.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

There will be copies of sample literature that we could use for the aggregation. This will be something we will need to start working on.

The school at Harrison & Compton has started to encourage parents to park on the same side of the street so we don't have kids running across the street. We still have "No Parking" signs up and we are going to remove them because this has been helping.

Chief Waldeck is working on getting the Block Watch program back together. Looking at meeting on Thursday nights. Officer Paul Scott is going to head this up.

On Monday, November 4th council meeting will have a public hearing at 7:00 before the council meeting regarding the JEDZ.

We will have a work session after the November 4th meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

September month end reports are in the packets for council

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

Balanced with the bank and auditor for September.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 13-1674: A second reading of an ordinance amending subsection A of section 400 of The Mt. Healthy employee policy manual regarding sick leave. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 13-1675: A second reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 13-1049 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 7-0.

Resolution 13-1050 A first reading of resolution adopting the Hamilton County Natural Hazard Mitigation plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reminder that the next council meeting will be Monday, November 4th. There will be a work session immediately after.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody attended the Best of Cincy Magazine event. Mt. Healthy was represented by Little Dutch Bakery, Pit to Plate, and Mt. Healthy Christian Home.

On the November 5th ballot there will be 2 issues being voted on:

- Issue 5 – Gas Aggregation
- Issue 6 – Electric Aggregation

A motion was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Parsons to endorse Issue 6. An aye vote carried the motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Parsons to endorse Issue 5. An aye vote carried the motion.


“Thanks” to Mr. Parsons and Jim Lowenburg for bringing this to the City’s attention and keeping the ball rolling.


Mr. Bittner announced he has a new grandson.

Ms. Claire has coupons for dine and donate at Perkins.

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 8:20 P.M.

 *PRES-PRO-TEM*
Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council