

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 19, 2013**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

***Absent and Excused:*** Mrs. Moody, Mrs. George

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

**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 as printed was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mt. Healthy Schools would like to "Thank" the street department for going above and beyond to help them make a repair at the school.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

**Susan Frank**; She would like to address council regarding the property at 1715 Kinney Avenue. She has been working with a bank to purchase this property, but was told it is on a condemned list to be demolished. Would like the city to reconsider this tear down. She would like to purchase for rehabbing and eventually rent it. She owns 5 other properties in the city and all 5 are rented to non section 8 tenants.

**Lisa Rugg**; this is her 1<sup>st</sup> council meeting and has been a long time resident of Mt. Healthy. She lives in the house her grandparents lived in. She is a member of the Historical Society and is into maintaining the former glory of the city. She has recently heard that the 7620 Perry Street home is going to be torn down. This is a historical home and is one of the nicest homes in Mt. Healthy. It makes an anchor for the homes on McMakin. She has an issue with this house being torn down.

There are low hanging wires in front of the Historical Museum and across McMakin. They seem to be from folks that have moved into homes and have Dish or cable and move out and nothing is done with the wires.

**Karen Arnett**; This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> time she has addressed council regarding 7620 Perry Street. She has requested the demolition of the home be stopped. She has officially put in an offer of \$10,000 more than the city purchased it for. She would like to see it being occupied rather than empty space. She did a walk through with a realtor and was told it is in excellent condition inside. You have people in this city that want to develop and keep these homes. Nobody will want to purchase an empty lot in our city. Karen has researched and knows that the City of Cincinnati has taken homes off of the demo list with Port Authority, so this property could be taken off the demo list.

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business Partnership: Bob Parsons** Attended the MHBA meeting. There is going to be an election of officers and board members. The car show has been cancelled for next year's Celebrate Mt. Healthy. They will be holding a contest for ideas to replace the car show and to bring life back into Celebrate Mt. Healthy. The MHBA website is now up and running - [www.mthealthyba.org](http://www.mthealthyba.org). There are 3 new businesses that have opened in Mt. Healthy, Perfect Scents, Mr. Bill's Jewelry, and Obrien Tools.

**Finance: Jenny Moody** Mrs. Moody was not in attendance, but Jill Claire stated Finance Committee did meet this evening. Mrs. Moody did call in for the meeting.

**Safety/Streets: Geraldine Brandy** Ms. Brandy would just like to have everybody watch out for your neighbors. Be aware of what is going on in your neighborhood.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting**

John Peters heads up the Sharing Tree and it has begun for 2013.

Colerain Township is going to use the Reserve on South Martin as a model to do something similar in a problem area in their township.

The Ohio Military Band will perform a holiday concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Mount Healthy High School Fine Arts Auditorium.

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

Both Issues 5 and 6 regarding the aggregation passed on November 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be two public hearings for discussion. First will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00am and the second will be December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm before the council meeting.

Block watch is back their 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will be on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm here in council chambers. Chief Waldeck, Paul Scott and David Scott Jr. will be there.

Work on the security cameras in the park will start work again the first week of December.

Had a good meeting on the 2014 budget with the Finance Committee. The budget is set for the first December council meeting and will be passed on the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

There will be a work session after the December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting to continue work on the Building and Zoning document.

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

None.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire**

October Month End reports are in the packets for council.

We are working with Becky Brooks at the Mt. Healthy Schools to put on a joint Sunshine Law training course. This is a yearly course that our representative needs to have. There are not many options for the course in our area.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen**

Balanced with the bank and auditor for October.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 13-1676:** A second reading of ordinance creating the unclassified positions of Assistant Finance Director, Administrative Liaison, and City Clerk/Administrative Assistant and setting compensation. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Bittner. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 13-1677:** A second reading of ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police Ohio Labor Council, Inc. representing a bargaining unit of city employees in the classification of police officer. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 13-1678:** A second reading of ordinance to set a special rate for compensation for City of Mt. Healthy fire department employees during certain events and certain holidays. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 13-1680:** A second reading of ordinance amending the 2013 appropriations and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Bittner. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

**Ordinance 13-1681:** A first reading of ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and The Ohio Department of Transportation PID No. 96973

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mt. Healthy Owl's are Cincinnati's top Division II football team.

Council will wait until the first council meeting in January to do the swearing in of new council members. That meeting will be January 7, 2014.

Congratulations to all council members.

**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 8:25 P.M.



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Donald Crank, President of Council



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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council