

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 17, 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. Parsons, Mrs. George

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the December 3, 2013 as printed was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Cheri Stevenot, Springfield Township resident. Here to address the City leadership regarding the JEDZ proposal to contract with Springfield Township. This would be a 1.5% income tax that is on employees that work in the township and a 1.5% payroll tax on businesses in Springfield Township. Out of that tax Mt. Healthy would collect a share of about \$100,000 a year and the rest to the Township. Has talked to over 250 businesses and the majority of them are adamantly ~~proposed~~ ^{opposed} to the tax. There are 2 businesses in favor of it. This will drive the businesses out of the Township. The residents are the one who will vote on it so we are voting to tax other people and fundamentally this would be taxation without representation. This will drive the businesses out of the Township. This JEDZ is the largest ever in size and scope, so the original intent of the JEDZ as the legislation was designed to a specific area to promote economic development. The money that will be generated through this JEDZ would go to the general fund – it is not earmarked for anything. Here tonight to appeal to the City leadership to please, please think about what this could mean to the area.

Steve Harness, representing Mt. Healthy Board of Education. First, our football team – this fall set 2 district records: 1) was 11 consecutive wins – that has never been

accomplished before in the history of Mt. Healthy. 2) They made it to the Elite playoffs in southwest Ohio and no other team at Mt. Healthy has done that. We are very proud of them. They are great kids.

Would like to "Thank" the City for sponsoring the Ohio Military Band at the auditorium.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership: Bob Parsons; attended the MHBA meeting last week. They are still looking for ideas to replace the car show at the next celebrate. Offering a \$25 gift certificate for the best suggestion. There will be a business expo again on March 15th from 9-2. This will be a multi-community event. There will be businesses in the surrounding communities. In January the new officers will be announced.

Block watch meeting this Thursday at 7:00pm here in council chambers.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Joseph Roetting

Block watch meeting reminder. This Thursday at 7:00pm.

Christmas concert went well. There was about 150 people who attended. Would like to "Thank" the high school for hosting that.

Met with Lori Handler and Jason ^{LaBalle} today to catch up because it has been awhile since we have met. Just to talk about general things.

One very important thing after 20 years of dedicated service, Mr. Don Crank is leaving us. He is also works on the Veteran's memorial. Really appreciates the service and the passion to have for the city. Would like to give you the "Key to the City of Mt. Healthy" in honor of Don's great years of service. We thank you.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

We did get cost estimates back from Brandstetter Carroll and will be forwarding these out to council members this week. The January 7th council meeting the representative will be here to go over the new plans.

On your desk tonight there is a modified document that we will be taking a first reading on that adding the Finance Director position and we will have same salary as last with CPU as the Auditor's position. This will continue with the transition of the Charter. Becoming effective January 1st.

Police department is continuing the work of the cameras in the park. There were a couple of issues with the mounting brackets causing a disturbance in the lines. That has been corrected.

Pamet software is in and still plan to go live January 1st.

There was a sunshine notice that went out that there is going to be a special council meeting on December 19th at 6:00pm in order to pass legislation.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Steve Wolf*

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire*

November Month End reports are in the packets for council.

Year End legislation is on the table to be passed tonight.

The R.I.T.A. transition is going well. Still on track to for January 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Judy Petersen*

Balanced with the bank and auditor for November.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 13-1683: A first reading_of an Ordinance acknowledging the authorization establishment of a government aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26 of the Ohio revised code (the "aggregation program") for the residents, businesses and other natural gas consumers in the City of Mt Healthy and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 13-1684: A first reading_of an Ordinance acknowledging the authorization establishment of a government aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928 of the Ohio revised code (the "aggregation program") for the residents, businesses and other electricity consumers in the City of Mt Healthy and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 13-1685: A first reading_of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to perform all actions necessary to support the implementation and ongoing administration of a governmental electricity aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4928.20, Ohio revised code.

Ordinance 13-1686: A first reading_of an ordinance authorizing the city manager to perform all actions necessary to support the implementation and ongoing administration of a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to section 4929.26, Ohio revised code.

Ordinance 13-1687: A first reading_of an ordinance to set compensation for certain full time employees of the City of Mt Healthy.

Ordinance 13-1688: A first reading_of an ordinance to set compensation for certain appointed officials of the City of Mt Healthy.

Ordinance 13-1689: A first reading_of an ordinance for 2014 annual appropriations.

Ordinance 13-1690: A first reading_of an ordinance amending the 2013 appropriations and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 13-1691: A first reading_of an ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Big "Thanks" to Don Crank and best wishes as he retires from President of Council.

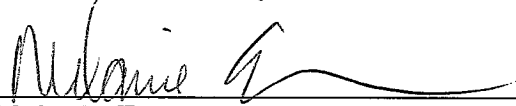
ADJOURNMENT:

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 8:15 P.M.



~~Donald Crank, President of Council~~

ROSS BITTNER



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council