

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 1, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.**

The 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:

Mr. Lombardo, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, and Mrs. Cole. A motion to excuse Mrs. Lingo and Mrs. Moody was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor Joe Roetting, Treasurer Deborah Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the March 18 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Debbie Conradi addressed Council with a proposal for a cleanup of Heritage Park. It will take place on Sunday, April 27, in conjunction with the adopt-a-highway group cleanup of Reagan Highway. Clean up Mt. Healthy will take place on Saturday the 26th, and the city will pick up trash collected at both events on Monday. Mr. Kocher will notify the city's insurance carrier.

Mr. Bittner asked whether fishing is allowed in Heritage Park. Fishers are leaving trash, which is the problem. No one remembered for certain whether there is an ordinance prohibiting fishing.

Mrs. Moody arrived at 7:17 P.M.

Matthew Fay of the Mt. Healthy Business Association addressed Council about the upcoming Business Expo. The Business Association will hold it on Sunday, May 18 from 1-5 P.M. at the Eagles hall on Kinney. It will be an opportunity for people to learn about Mt. Healthy businesses. It is free to the public, with door prizes, at least 20 Mt. Healthy businesses represented, an opportunity to meet the Mayor, and likely other groups and information as well.

David Hoeffler addressed Council about a planned traffic light and Walker Funeral Home parking. The city is in the process of installing a traffic light at a four-way alley intersection behind a rental home that Mr. Hoeffler owns, and he is concerned that it will be a nuisance to his tenants. If the light turns out to be a problem, the city can adjust the shields on it.

Mr. Hoeffler is also concerned that Walker Funeral home uses the city parking lot for visitor parking for funerals, which makes it difficult to find parking for sports events sometimes.

Sometimes Walker parks their hearses on the street to make room in the lot and Mr. Hoeffler does not like them there. The parking lots were a joint project of the city and business association and they are there mostly for people visiting Mt. Healthy businesses. There is an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking of commercial vehicles on the street, but daytime parking is not prohibited. The city has talked to Walker previously about blocking alleys; if this becomes a problem again, or if they have parked illegally, people should let Mr. Kocher know. Mr. Kocher will look into parking in the alley, hearse parking, and the location of the traffic light pole, and call Walker Funeral Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sayer addressed Council about their house on Seward. They have made some progress but the city still wants an interior inspection of the house, and the Sayers have not cooperated. Mr. Kocher clarified that the city wants the Sayers to communicate regularly (at least weekly) with Mr. Knight, to cooperate with Mr. Knight, and for the house to be rendered habitable.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Clean up Mt. Healthy is scheduled for April 26, starting at 9:30 A.M. in the park. The Beautification Committee is sponsoring the event, and Mayor Roetting encourages residents to clean up their property that day as well.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher has asked Richard Osgood, the building official, to follow up with him on the 15th about the two properties on Hamilton Avenue; there has not been a lot of progress there. The tennis court demolition in the park will start soon, then demolition of the property at 1616 Hastings. We have received Community Development funding for the demolition, regrading, and reseeding of that property. This will save the city about \$6,000-\$8,000.

There is a resolution on the agenda tonight about the tap fee for the new water line on Adams. Mr. Kocher would like this passed tonight so he can get the process started in time to get that work completed this year.

Mr. Kocher has been working on a three-way agreement between the city, township, and school district about annexation of the new high school property. He hopes to have a resolution about this in the packet for the next Council meeting. There will be additional ordinances later in the process, which could require a special meeting due to the necessary timing.

Although they are concerned about "sign pollution", the state will allow Mt. Healthy to have a sign prohibiting engine braking on the Cross County exit ramp. We'll need to pass an ordinance prohibiting the practice, and they will install the sign.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The Finance Committee met to discuss the first quarter of 2008. There will be a housekeeping ordinance coming up to incorporate the bond issue, greater than anticipated salt expenditures, and some other minor issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance **08-1520** Establishing Provisions for Competitive Video Service Authorizations, Establishing Fees, Defining Certain Terms and Authorizing the Safety Service Director to Provide Certain Notice to the Video Service Providers Offering Video Service in Mt. Healthy, Ohio Pursuant to State Authorization. This ordinance received its third reading. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0, with Mrs. Lingo absent.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **08-967** A Resolution Approving the Proposed Water Tap Fee Agreement Between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Mt. Healthy City School District Board of Education and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Kocher noted that this project will upgrade the water line to the new middle school. The Water Works will pay for materials since they had planned to do this anyway, although not yet, and the city will pay for the labor. The school district will pay the city back through the proposed tap fee. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0, with Mrs. Lingo absent.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss real estate issues was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0, and Council went into executive session at 8:02 P.M. Council returned to regular session at 8:19 P.M.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Roetting noted that there will be a first reading of the new zoning ordinance next meeting, and asked Council to be sure to read it and bring their questions to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Cole and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council