

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
DECEMBER 19, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:00 P.M. The invocation was given by Mr. Cook and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mr. DeBruler, Mr. Roetting, and Mr. Wolf. A motion to excuse Mrs. Lingo was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor George Rouse, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes of the December 5 Council meeting were corrected to change the month to December and correct the heading of the Resolutions section. A motion to accept the minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The results from the police exam are back, and the civil service commission has certified the top ten candidates. The background check is in process, and we should be interviewing the top three after the first of the year. The police cadet position will only be used if the person we decide to hire is not OPOTA certified. Other than following the required civil service procedures, Mt. Healthy does not have a written procedure specifying how we will select this person. Mr. Roetting recommended that we develop a written procedure or other documentation to protect the city from liability.

There will be a public meeting January 20 in the pool building from 1-3 P.M. for people interested in discussing the new zoning plan.

Rumpke will shift Friday trash pickups to Saturday for the two weeks affected by holidays. This information will be on the city's web site. The city's new web site will be unveiled in January. The housekeeping ordinance is pretty much as expected.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

November month end reports are in the packets. The new Deputy Auditor is working out very well.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Schaefer reported that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank for the month of November.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**John Shearer** of the **Goodtimers Foundation** presented a check for \$1000 to Sgt. Donathan for the Mt. Healthy Police Department. These funds are from the Goodtimers' annual motorcycle run to raise funds for local law enforcement agencies. Sgt. Donathan and the Mt. Healthy police have helped with this ride since its beginning after 9/11.

**Steve Harness** of the **Mt. Healthy School Board** expressed his sympathy on the loss of Miss Reusch and said that she will be sorely missed.

The levy for new school buildings failed by 39 votes out of over 8000, so the school board has voted to put the issue back on the ballot February 2. Mr. Harness thanked Council for their cooperation and support in the past. They have set up a web site, [mthcsissue.org](http://mthcsissue.org), to answer questions. Mr. Horine and Mr. Harness can also answer questions. The increase to 6.1 mills is due to inflation, and comes from the County Auditor. The levy needs to be passed by August 11 in order to take advantage of the state funding, so the district could put it on the ballot one more time if necessary, but does not expect to do so.

Mr. Harness said that he expects more help from parents, teachers, and administrators this time around, and commented that there is more enthusiasm throughout the district for the levy. The levy was not successful in some areas of the district; in some areas, levies never have been, and the district will focus efforts on areas where the vote was close. The issue passed in all precincts in the city of Mt. Healthy and also in Seven Hills.

Angela Brill, a Mt. Healthy high school English teacher, was honored by U.C. President Zimpher as one of three outstanding educators of the year in southwestern Ohio. The footers and knee walls are in at the new stadium, and the project is on track to be completed by the fall. The district is planning to consolidate the middle schools and move the students to the South middle school. They will need a couple of temporary trailers but each school was sized for about the total number of students that are expected next year. The district expects to save \$400,000 per year.

Mr. Harness introduced Emmett Kilgore, who will replace Mr. Harness as the district's representative to Council.

**ORDINANCES**

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1495** Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007. This ordinance received its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1496** Authorization for the City of Mt. Healthy to Pick Up the Statutorily Required Contribution to the Public Employees Retirement System of Ohio for Certain Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy Pursuant to I.R.C. Section 414(H)(2). This ordinance received its second reading. Mr. Roetting asked whether this ordinance will need to be approved every year. No, it will remain in effect and the amount of money concerned is not specified by the ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1497** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Appointed Officials of the City of Mt. Healthy. This ordinance received its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1498** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Part-Time and Seasonal Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. This ordinance received its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1499** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full-Time Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy. This ordinance received its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1500** An Ordinance to Create a Full-Time Police Cadet Position. This ordinance received its second reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1501** An Ordinance Amending the 2006 Appropriations, and Declaring an Emergency. This ordinance received its first reading. Ms. Claire explained that the general fund numbers roll up to a total increase of \$45,000. The \$300,000 in the CIP fund is state grant money for road projects; it comes in and goes out again. The 820 property acquisition is reimbursable funds.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A special Council meeting was scheduled for Saturday, December 23 at 11 A.M.

President Lawson read a letter from Col. Paul R. Toff, chief of the North College Hill police department, thanking Colonel Schaefer and the Mt. Healthy police department for their assistance in apprehending the suspect in a bank robbery at the Fifth Third on Hamilton. He commented that their rapid response was exemplary of the professionalism of the Mt. Healthy Police Department. The Mt. Healthy officers extended every courtesy possible to the NCH Police Department, and were courteous and diligent.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council