

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 5, 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:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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 January 15 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Ned Hamson addressed Council about dead animals. He called the city twice about a dead cat on Hamilton Avenue by the US Bank and was told that the city doesn't remove dead animals from private property. The cat had been thrown from the road onto the vacant former photography lab property. Mr. Hamson finally removed the cat himself and also removed a second dead animal on Harrison. He feels that the city should take care of these animals.

Mr. Kocher responded that the city removes dead animals from the street all the time but typically does not remove dead animals from private property. They do not want to be called every time an animal dies in the city. The former photography lab is vacant but still privately owned. If there is a problem, Mr. Hamson should call Mr. Kocher. President Crank thanked Mr. Hamson for taking care of the dead animals.

Tim Hershner, Clermont County Planning Director, addressed Council about the recent World Planning Day. He summarized the planning group's recommendations and distributed copies of the report. There is a link to this report on the city's web page.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Roetting announced a work session after the meeting to discuss the school system and their future plans. A couple of people looked at the Hastings and Adams properties last weekend; the Hastings property may be torn down. This will also be discussed in the work session. Mayor Roetting received a Know Hamilton County booklet from the League of Women

Voters. It lists numerous county groups, committees, etc., and is very informative. Mayor Roetting encouraged people to come take a look at it.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher received a call from John Bingham, a traffic engineer with ties to the state. There is a Safe Routes to School Program that provides funding for handicapped ramps, sidewalks, crosswalks, etc. It is possible to secure state funding for the study and then secure state funding for the work but it requires getting the city's ducks in a row. Mr. Kocher is pursuing this and will be talking to people about joining the committee that is required for the process. Mr. Bingham may also be able to help us pursue entry point grant opportunities.

City email addresses are set up for all Council members. Please check these email accounts regularly. Mr. Kocher would like to send out primarily electronic Council packets eventually. The server migration is going well. We will run the two servers in parallel for a while since many applications are not available for the new system yet.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **08-965** A Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §321.34. Mr. Kocher explained that the county has been increasingly slow to send tax revenues to Mt. Healthy; this resolution allows us to ask for the money before they would otherwise have sent it. This resolution received its first reading.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Business and School Liaison Committee scheduled a meeting at 6:30 P.M. on February 19, in Council chambers. This is a new committee whose job is to keep lines of communication open with the business association, school, library, post office, etc.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council