

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2005 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 was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Miss Reusch, Mr. Roetting, and Mr. Custer.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Fire Chief Steve Lawson, Director of Parks John Peters, Mayor George Rouse, Police Chief Al Schaefer, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, Director of Public Works Preston Stapleton, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

**MINUTES:**

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

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mt. Healthy Police Association will be sponsoring a dance on February 12 from 8-12 P.M. at the American Legion Hall on Hamilton. Tickets are available from any officer for \$15/individual or \$30/couple. That includes beer, setups, chips, etc.

Assumption School will hold its annual Open House on Thursday, February 3 from 6:30 – 8 P.M. during Catholic Schools Week. Enjoy refreshments, meet the teachers and staff, see the library, classrooms, music room, art room, and computer lab. President Lawson commented that this is always a good time.

Mayor Rouse received a letter from Nathan Quinn, a freshman at St. Xavier, who wanted to express his opinion on audible traffic signals. Mr. Quinn commented that they would obviously be a great help but that he knows they are an expensive proposition. He also commented that there are lots of Scouts in the area who would be glad to assist the city in any way they can.

The Scouts will hold a free luncheon on Thursday, February 24 from 11:30 – 1 P.M. at which they will discuss Scouting and explain their programs to anyone who's interested. Mt. Healthy is invited to send eight people to make up a table. Please let Mayor Rouse know if you are interested. It's at the Hyatt Regency downtown.

Krystle Tye, Christine M. Harris, and Tamara Israel attended the meeting for a Government class.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Julie Ramage** addressed Council about the **No Parking signs in the business district**. Ms. Ramage works in a bar in Mt. Healthy and would like to be able to do her job and take people's keys away when they should not be driving home. However, she has done this and had people have their cars ticketed because of the no parking 2:30 – 6 A.M. signs in the business district. The parking behind the DAV building is not well enough lit for her to feel safe using it late at night, and bar patrons may feel the same way. Those signs were put up when the city was

sweeping the streets every morning, but she knows that the streets are not cleaned every day. Ms. Ramage inquired how often the business district streets are swept. Mr. Stapleton said that when the business district is swept, it's usually around 4 or 5 A.M. Mayor Rouse said that the Safety and Street committees will take Ms. Ramage's comments under advisement. Mrs. Lingo said that the Safety Committee will call a meeting to discuss the issue.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kocher said that the Tax Department is now completely moved, and that Mr. Peters has begun work on the Fire Department space and progressing well. We are also working on the server installation (cabling, etc.) and then the automated payroll system. Mr. Kocher thanked Gary and Greg from Maintenance for painting the Council chambers and waxing all the chairs. We'll get the carpet cleaned.

Mr. Cook commented that the phrasing of the temporary sign on the downstairs door (Tax and Waste Department) is unfortunate and asked that some other phrase be used for the permanent sign.

Rumpke charges are increasing and this will be reflected in the bills to residents. They will increase to \$11.50/month from \$10.67. This includes a fee increase from Rumpke as well as an increase in the city's administration fee. Mr. Cook asked how this information would be given to the public in Mt. Healthy. Mr. Kocher replied that this announcement and the waste bills are pretty much it, although he will also mention it to Ms. Fallon of the Community Press if she calls.

The ordinance does not have any changes in the pay grids, there are just a few adjustments in the classifications. The lifeguard instructor has been here a long time and the lifeguard pay schedule didn't fit her situation. Also the grade for the assistant park manager has been expanded.

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

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:** None.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**ORDINANCES:**

ORDINANCE NO. **04-1461** An Ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 05-1459 to Set Compensation for Certain Part-Time and Seasonal Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy for the Year 2005, and Declaring an Emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Cook. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Cook said that a resident on St. Clair has complained that the new driveway aprons that MSD put in were not sealed and the concrete in his and some of his neighbors' has begun to degrade already. He asks whether they will be sealed.

This is an MSD project, and it is not yet completed. Mayor Rouse has given this resident the name of the MSD engineer in charge of the project. Mr. Roetting asked whether the city should intervene for general problems of this kind rather than leaving individual residents to deal with MSD. Mr. Stapleton has intervened with MSD once already for some curbs that were not properly installed. Mayor Rouse said that we will be sure that MSD does not leave our town in a state of disarray.

The Safety Committee scheduled a meeting for February 15 at 6:30 P.M.

There will be a work session on the income tax after this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Custer and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council