

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:00 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Tax Commissioner Susan Law, 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 1 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Mt. Healthy Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner at Assumption School on Saturday evening from 5 to 7:30 P.M. The dinner will be catered by Angelo's and costs \$4.50/person.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Steve Harness of the Mt. Healthy School Board said that this past Saturday the School Board presented Mark Hensler with the Alumni of the Year award for 2004. Mr. Hensley graduated in the mid-1980s and was just elected president of the Ohio Music Educators' Association. He has been very active in music organizations throughout Ohio. He is also a heck of a nice guy.

The Mt. Healthy athletics will be joining the Ft. Ancient Valley Athletic Association. This is a positive step upward since it will be more challenging for the kids and is also likely to draw greater attendance at athletic events, which should boost income.

The Mt. Healthy High School band will hold its annual pasta dinner on February 26 from 5-8 P.M. at the high school. Music will be provided by band students. They attended the OMEA Solo and Ensemble contest a couple of weeks ago and all received ratings of 1 or 2.

Last night, the school board decided to consider outsourcing custodial services. They have not definitely decided to do so, and it is a difficult decision, but with potential savings of up to \$400,000, they feel that they need to look into it. They are required to notify the custodial staff at least 90 days before the end of the school year that their contract may be terminated, which is why they are announcing this possibility now. If this happens, the district will work with the custodial staff to help them find other positions. Only the inside custodial staff is under discussion—the Board is not looking at outsourcing the outside work right now.

Mr. Roetting asked whether the School Board is looking at outsourcing anything else. They are not. They have "glanced at" some other possibilities but none of them make sense. President Lawson commented that they had outsourced the out-of-school child care last year. Mr. Harness

replied that child care is not something the district is required to provide, and they thought that Medallion might do a better job of it.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Community Relations:** Mr. DeBruler said that we had just heard his report. He commented that there was a very crowded and excited audience for the meeting.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Tomorrow Mr. Kocher expects to sign a contract with Housing and Urban Development for a direct sale agreement for a house on Elizabeth St. This project has been ongoing since July and it has been a trying process. The money for the house will come from the Community Improvement Corporation but it was cleaner to make the purchase through the city. We will turn around and sell the house to a developer, who will replace the existing vacant house in bad condition with a single family house. The request for proposal went out to potential developers a couple of weeks ago. The house will cost \$10,500 and therefore the purchase does not need Council approval, but the eventual sale will need Council approval. The developer will work with the neighbor who shares a driveway with this house to make sure the eventual arrangements are acceptable.

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

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

January month-end reports were distributed in the packets. They are dated Feb. 11 because some corrections needed to be made but the system won't go back and print out a report for a previous date. Ms. Claire has the original, uncorrected, January report in case anyone is interested. The state auditor has finished the 2003 gap report and will start on the 2004 one soon.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank, with some adjustments, for the month of January. Ms. Law did not have anything to report.

**ORDINANCES** None.

**RESOLUTIONS:** None.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Roetting commented that Council used to get property maintenance reports but he hasn't seen one lately. Mr. Kocher will ask Ted Knight about this.

President Lawson reminded Council that a work session is scheduled after the meeting to work on the income tax question.

**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 7:15 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council