

**MT HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20, 2007 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, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Mr. Roetting, Mr. Wolf, and Mrs. Moody.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor George Rouse, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, Law Director Steve Wolf, and Police Chief Al Schaefer.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the January 16 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

President Lawson noted that on Saturday, February 24 from 5 to 7:30 P.M. the Fire Department will hold their annual spaghetti dinner in the Assumption church cafeteria. The dinner is \$5/person and includes spaghetti with meatballs, salad, bread, a drink, and dessert. The dinner is sponsored by Angelo's Pizza and Hammann Butcher Shop.

Mr. Kocher mentioned the letter the City received from Deborah Conradi concerning property maintenance. He stated that both of the addresses in the letter are being looked into by Mr. Knight. Mr. Kocher stated that he does not get involved or respond to every inquiry from a resident about the status of property maintenance.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

Chief Schaefer introduced Mr. Paul Scott and stated he tested with the City in November and after the interview process Mr. Scott was the best candidate. Mayor Rouse swore in Paul Scott as a full time Mt. Healthy Police Officer. Chief Schaefer commented that Mr. Scott was a part time officer with Lincoln Heights and also works with MRDD children in the Cincinnati Public Schools. Mr. Kocher was impressed that Officer Scott was a part time police officer with Lincoln Heights as a volunteer.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Parks:** Mrs. Moody reported the committee reviewed last year's park schedule and did some brain storming on how to improve the schedule for this year. She also stated that the new pool rates were posted on the web site.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kocher requested an executive session regarding personnel and real estate, and also a work session after the meeting.

Mr. Kocher met with the Township and they are proceeding with the JEDD process. The two legal departments will work together on the contract. A public hearing will be required and then a 30 day period for people to review the documents, and then the contract goes to the County.

He reported on the City's snow removal for the last couple of weeks. The overtime is over budget by about \$1,000 through Saturday. The salt figures are in line. We have already paid \$815, received invoices for \$8,500 and estimate \$3,000 for stocking materials. The total is \$12,300 and the budget amount is \$16,000. The City is down one dump truck (17 years old) and will discuss this issue in the work session.

Mt. Healthy Trinity Lutheran Church would like Council to consider making a portion of the North/South alley between Hickman and Perry streets one way North. Mr. Kocher asked Council to make a motion on the alley change.

The City also received notice from the County of the \$33,600 grant from the Community Development Program for the audible traffic signals. Research will have to be completed so the best traffic flow is utilized because not every traffic signal will be replaced.

Mr. Kocher has been working with JMA on the street priority list to prepare an ordinance to go out to bid on another grind and overlay project. The streets to consider are Forest Ave (from where the curbs begin to Compton), Rambler (from curbs off Adams, across Seward and down to the cul de sac), Hill Ave (between Elizabeth and Seward, between Joseph and Elizabeth). Mr. J Wolf asked about doing streets without curbs and gutters. Mr. Kocher stated we probably would use SKIP funding for those streets because of the cost. We need to be careful about grind and overlay projects because of pushing our chances of getting SKIP funding back, they are looking for a project that is really in need.

Mr. S Wolf mentioned the adjustment to one of the trucks to use brine during the snow removal. Mr. Kocher said the truck was purchased to clear alleys but was converted to spread brine on the streets by the Street Department.

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

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

Ms. Claire stated the January month end reports are in the packets. The negative numbers are funds that are being reserved for this year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank for the month of January. The Tax Department report shows receipts of \$1,272,915 for 2006 which is up 1% from 2005, but actually the collections are down 3 ½ % because the delinquent and roll back numbers were included in the total.

Ms. Schaefer reported that Carol Litzinger had a stroke on Wednesday but is home now and doing fine. She will be going to therapy for her left hand.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Jesse Ferguson of Werner Ave. addressed Council about his truck being stuck in the snow in the alley. Only time the alley is cleared is when he comes to City Hall. He suggested the City put a salt barrel at the end of the alley. Mr. Kocher asked if the alley was cleaned after he came to City Hall and Mr. Ferguson responded “yes”. Mr. Kocher explained that the City will be purchasing a truck that will be able to clear the alleys. This fourth truck will be used to focus on clearing the alleys of snow.

Mr. Ferguson also addressed that a refrigerator has been setting outside the apartment building on Werner Ave. for two months. Mr. Kocher stated it has been turned over to the City property maintenance for follow up.

Ms. Moody brought up that there was been a refrigerator setting out on St. Clair for two weeks. Mr. Kocher will follow up on it.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Roetting mentioned on St. Clair since the last snow storm every joint is sinking that the contractor did for MDS. Every cut in for sewage on St. Clair is where the settling is occurring. He is concerned that the same problem is happening to other streets in the City. Mayor Rouse stated we would have to get the water works and gas company involved because those settlements are not entirely by the contractor. The Mayor stated that there is a settlement in the middle of the Park driveway going back to the Community Center.

Mr. J Wolf brought up the sink hole on Lexa. Mayor Rouse stated the sink hole was caused by a water main break that was considered minor but the problem will eventually be repaired by a water work contractor.

President Lawson asked if tree branches fell because of the ice are the responsibility of the homeowner to clean up. Mr. Kocher stated it is the homeowner’s responsibility, unless the tree is between the curb and gutter.

Mr. Lombardo reported there was ice on Elizabeth north of Adams and it appeared the street was missed because the other dead end streets were cleared. The problem was taken care of on Saturday.

Chief Schafer mentioned that the Street Department did a great job with the streets because there were no traffic crashes during the snow. Mr. J Wolf added that Mr. Kircher on Lexa wanted to thank Mr. Hessler for removing the ice caused by the water main break.

Mr. Roetting made a motion to make the north/south alley north of the east/west intersection by the Mt. Healthy Trinity Lutheran Church one way north and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mr. Lombardo made a motion to go into executive session and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0.

Council went into executive session at 7:35 P.M. and returned to chambers at 7:48 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Deborah Schaefer, Acting Clerk of Council