

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 16, 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. J. Wolf and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Since the appropriate party did not fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mary Ann Reusch on November 21, 2006, within the time constraints of Ohio Revised Code § 731.43(C), the City Council is now authorized to fill the Council-at-Large vacancy pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §§ 731.43(A) and (C). A motion to appoint Jennifer Moody of 1575 St. Clair Avenue to the vacant Council-at-Large position was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded. An aye vote carried the motion, and Mrs. Moody was sworn in by Mayor Rouse.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the January 2 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Lawson read a letter from Mt. Healthy School District Superintendent David Horine announcing a grassroots gathering of support for the school levy that will take place at the high school from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 18. Council members are especially invited to a gathering of local leaders at 5 P.M. to show visible support by local leaders and gather media coverage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Relations: Mr. DeBruler attended the Board of Education meeting. New officers were elected; Steve Harness will be president, Don Wolf is Vice President, and Emmett Kilgore is the new representative to Council.

CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The candidates for the full-time police officer position have been narrowed down to four people. Polygraph tests are in progress and once they are okayed, the other six candidates will be

notified. The city interviewed all of the top ten candidates and all of them were good possibilities. We hope to have the position filled by the end of January.

Mr. Kocher is working on putting together a joint economic development district with the township for the new Wal-Mart property. This is a new thing in Ohio. It will allow Mt. Healthy to split revenues with the county. Development of this district will require Council action and public hearings. The Wal-Mart is scheduled to begin construction in March or April. No other stores are currently planned for that area, but Mt. Healthy is making sure the zoning is set up in case the issue comes up.

The water is unusually high in Heritage Park, and not going down as fast as expected. Possibly the drain in the center is partially blocked, but we can't get to it until the water goes down. Meanwhile, people on Rugg are nervous but the water is going down, slowly. Mr. Kocher met with the state to discuss the fact that this land was never deeded back to Mt Healthy as planned. However, we don't really have the equipment to maintain this detention basin. Mr. Kocher will continue to work with the state on this—perhaps Mt. Healthy can maintain the area around the basin with the state continuing to be responsible for the basin itself.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The December month end report is in the packets. The city has closed our 2006 books and is operating in 2007 now. We are putting out a request for proposal for an outside audit; if anyone has experience with these firms, please let Ms. Claire know: Cassidy Shuller Associates, or VonLehman & Co. Inc. The company who has done these audits in the past has not responded to the RFP yet.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to endorse the school bond levy was made by Mr. DeBruler and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion. The election is February 6.

Mrs. Lingo mentioned that the handicapped parking space at the new Speedway is on the wrong side if the driver is the person with impaired mobility. Mr. Kocher will find out what the code specifies. There are a couple of other things Speedway needs to finish but they have taken care of most things. Mrs. Moody asked whether they will clean up the ruts left near the Urgent Care and on Elizabeth St. from construction equipment. Mr. Kocher said that Mr. Stapleton's

granddaughter has been seriously ill and he has been out, but she is out of the hospital now and Mr. Stapleton will follow up on this.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council