

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 18, 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 Miss Reusch 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, Tax Commissioner Susan Law, Fire Chief Steve Lawson, Director of Parks John Peters, Mayor George Rouse, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, Director of Public Works Preston Stapleton, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the January 4 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Rouse read a letter from John Bittner saying that he is resigning from the Planning and Zoning Commission for health reasons, and that he has enjoyed his many years of work with them. Mayor Rouse said that he is looking for someone to serve in Mr. Bittner's place. He thanked Mr. Bittner for all of his fine work for the city of Mt. Healthy over the years and wished him a speedy recovery.

CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Kyle Rouse of Boy Scout Troop 641 attended the meeting for his Citizen in Community badge.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Safety The committee met this evening before the Council meeting to discuss the streets that need fire lanes. They went over the procedure for notifying residents that this will happen (send or hand deliver a letter, hold a public forum) but did not designate any streets for fire lanes yet. Mrs. Lingo pointed out that the fire department's end of year report had been distributed, and thanked Jeff Murphy for his work in preparing it.

Community Relations: Mr. DeBruler went to the high school today to talk with the Athletic Director about the concerns that Mrs. Lingo related last meeting. Ms. Tuck feels that Mt. Healthy's business district is not supportive of the school although the school's athletics have been very successful. Mr. DeBruler will arrange a meeting with the Business Association and Ms. Tuck in hopes that we can get them to show more interest.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Claire pointed out that the end of month reports for December (which are also end of year reports for 2004) were in the Council packets.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank, with some adjustments, for the month of December. Ms. Law said that receipts were down a little in December from 2003 but overall were up by 1% for the year. There were only a couple of complaints about the waste postcards. The state tax list review is done and they found a several residents who hadn't filed, which should help make up for the \$600 fee for the list. The Tax Department has moved downstairs officially. They are working on reconciliations and quarterly withholdings to send out to employers. The next project is postcards reminding people to file their taxes by April 15. Those should go out around the end of January.

Mr. Wolf suggested that we might put Mt. Healthy tax forms in the post office and library as well as having them available in City Hall and on our web site. Ms. Law will look into whether we can do that. Mr. Cook asked whether the Mt. Healthy filing deadline has changed. It has, in order to conform with the rest of the state. We do not need an ordinance to make this change; the filing deadline is in the tax regulations.

ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE NO. **05-1456** Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year Ending December 31st, 2005. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Cook. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Miss Reusch and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

This ordinance was assigned the number 05-1455 last meeting, and then mistakenly assigned a second number this time. Because it was approved and filed under 05-1456, it will use that number and there will be no ordinance 05-1455.

ORDINANCE NO. **05-1457** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for the Fire Department 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 Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Cook. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. **05-1458** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full-Time 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 Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. Custer. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. DeBruler and seconded by Miss Reusch. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. **05-1459** An Ordinance 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 Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

ORDINANCE NO. **05-1460** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Appointed Officials 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 Miss Reusch. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

Mr. Kocher commented that the salaries of elected officials (Council members, President of Council, Law Director, Treasurer, and Mayor) are based on past salaries with an annual adjustment for the Consumer Price Index, in accordance with an ordinance passed last year. The time frame for calculating the CPI is November 1 through October 31. This year, the adjustment will be 3.2%.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Building and Zoning distributed copies of their end of year report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters was made by Mr. DeBruler and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0, and Council went into executive session at 7:23 P.M.

Council returned to regular session at 7:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Custer and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council