

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Crank at 7:00 P.M. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Cole

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

There was a correction under Citizens/Special Guests to be made to the May 20, 2008 minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes of the May 20, 2008 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mt. Healthy Summer Mentor meeting for June 30, 2008 – July 31, 2008 from Mon-Thurs, 8:30-11:00 A.M. at Frost Elementary Library.

President Crank announced that Mr. Dave Horine, from Mt. Healthy City Schools received an email regarding a problem with a home on Hill Avenue that has become trashed. Front yard and porch have become storage area. There are bins of school items from Crayons to Computers that are left on the porch. Hopefully there is something that can be done with this property.

Mr. Horine responded to this email that he will look into this situation as soon as possible. This is an embarrassment to the school district and inexcusable. He will do as much as he can. He apologized on behalf of the School District and a member of his staff.

Mrs. Moody states these Crayons to Computers are closely monitored by the schools.

Mrs. Cole works at Duvall and does not think these are what these items are. It would be highly unlikely that these items came from the school.

Mr. Kocher requests a copy of this email.

Mayor Roetting states Bill Knight is doing a great job. He would like to applaud him for the job he is doing.

ADT door to door scam happening in Colerain Township. ADT does not go door to door for sales. This is a working scam. Mt. Healthy residents to be made aware of this scam.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Susan Greer has complaints of the Police Officers of this city especially the Chief of Police. Ms. Greer states that there is smoking in a government issued vehicle. It is the law that he is not to smoke in these vehicles. She would like it stopped immediately. She has brought the chief up on these charges before and wants this stopped. The Police Department needs to be cleaned up. An officer has left Mt. Healthy and been brought back with full benefits. She feels this is not right.

Mr. Kocher responded that the smoking issued has already been addressed with the Chief. The other complaints will be looked into. Mayor Roetting will be looking into this matter also.

Mr. Wolf would like to address the Officer coming back. It was allowable by contract. It was discussed at great lengths with council. It was in the best interest for the City.

Angie Buettner would like to address council regarding gravel on her street corner. They have done repairs and have been left with a lot of gravel. She got out and swept up the gravel on her own because it is so bad at that intersection.

Sylvia Lawson addressed council about The Kids Red, White, and Blue parade. It will be prior to the fireworks on July 3rd at 7:00 starting in the park. Prizes will be given for most decorated bike, scooter, stroller, and wagon. Parents are encouraged to participate.

Mrs. Cole remembered the parade a few years back and thinks it is a great idea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Business, School and Library** committee meets next Monday. Mr. Bittner will be attending that meeting. Mr. Lombardo would like to thank everyone for the 2008 Business Expo. 21 Businesses were represented and 95 people attended. Also, during the Assumption Festival 1,000 Celebrate Mt. Healthy Days flyers were handed out. Mrs. Cole reminded the Library again to call the police if they have any problems.

The **Public Events/Parks** committee has Movie in the Park night next Friday June 20, 2008. Thanks to Mr. Wolf and Mr. Kocher for getting a projector to show the movies. The concession stand will be open during the movie. Mr. Wolf spoke about the first Bingo, there were 19 to attend. This was the biggest first Bingo. Speaking of the projector, they found a whole system for around \$1000. Instead of renting the projector for \$250 they will now buy the movie for around \$10-\$20 and be able to auction the movie at the end for a door prize. A DJ is set for the teen dance.

The **Finance committee** Mr. Lombardo reported they met tonight before the City Council meeting we are happy to say we are half way through the year and the budget is balancing.

The **Safety** committee met last Monday regarding Debbie Conradi's concern about pit bulls and vicious dogs in the City. Mrs. Lingo stated that we have discussed a couple of options and the best thing to do is call the Police right away if anything happens. Also, put something in the waste bills stating pit bulls are not allowed in Mt. Healthy, as Debbie suggested. She also suggested we mention in the bills that we have a website with information regarding other restrictions. Once Mrs. Lingo has something together there will be another meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Roetting would like to address the shootings. Starting with the Duvall shooting, these kids were not from Mt. Healthy. Everybody that was involved in this shooting has been arrested. That involved our Police Department and Hamilton County Sheriff. We met yesterday concerning the other shooting on Hamilton Avenue. This is being investigated and they do have leads and are working very diligently to apprehend the suspect.

Mr. Kocher has met with The Business Association and Block Watch, safety committee and Officer Paul Scott and it was a good meeting to get everybody together to discuss these shootings.

Mr. Crank has had a lot of people ask about these situations and speak about their fears, but I told them I feel safe in this City. Thinks this is a random situation and we will put the best people in the best positions if we have to stop. If we have to go to cameras we will to make our residents feel safe.

Mayor Roetting takes this very personally. It will be a joy to say that this suspect is off the street, just like the Duvall suspect. Mr. Wolf would like to thank Matthew Faye for the interview he did with the news. Everything you said was absolutely correct.

Mayor Roetting addresses the house being torn down on Perry Street. Walker Funeral Home purchased this home. They are working with Richard Osgood on the demolition and what will be put there.

Reminder of Fireworks in the park on July 3rd.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

We did get the bid out on the waterline project on Adams Road. We received six bids. One bid was really low sometimes you think lowest is always the best, but we put questions together to present to them. They had not included some of the items in the bid that we were requiring, so we went up to the next bid, which we are in the process of accepting the bid from Hartman Smith.

Within the week we will be getting the JEDD agreement. One of the issues we are going through is the zoning change, which they have done so we have been waiting on that to get the JEDD process in place. Should be getting a copy of the JEDD. Mr. Kocher will not be here in July and it is going to be important that we pass it on the July 15th meeting just to keep timing going. When Mr. Kocher gets the JEDD agreement it will be emailed to everybody before the July 15th meeting and will also print out copies to put in your box. Once it is passed there will be

a public hearing to review the document before the council meeting in August. It will be effect then because it has been through the 30 day period.

Mr. Kocher has included in the packets information regarding the Auxiliary Police Officer Program. We have been working with consultants. One of the options we have is to use Bill Knight; he is a certified police officer. We would like to use him to serve tax warrants and different things. Thinks it will work out well. We went through and came up with a better job description. Bill Knight is retired from his full-time job and is now at City Hall on Wednesdays.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf would like to move in on our local housing, which we are planning a Home Buyers Seminar, this has gone beyond just helping first time home buyers. On July 29, 2008 there will be a Realtors lunch in cooperation of Cincinnati Board of Realtors. They all get together for meetings on Tuesday mornings after that we have invited them here, which will give us a chance to sing our preludes to the realtors who sell the houses here in Mt. Healthy. We are working on a video about Mt. Healthy; we may have printed material available for them telling them of the school district and the new schools coming.

On Saturday, August 2nd we will have the Home Buyers Seminar. We will have the same material about Mt. Healthy. Have folks coming in telling them why to choose Mt. Healthy. We may have bankers representing rates available.

Follow up on Sunday, August 3rd with a City Wide Open House. This will be for realtors that have homes for sale in Mt. Healthy and have an Open House for the properties for sale. We will have people come here first and give them a map of the homes for sale. JoAnna Brown has helped to put this all together. JoAnna will put a video together for us with a showing of pictures of Mt. Healthy.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The May month end reports are in your packet.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the bank and the auditor's office for the month of May.

ORDINANCES:

None

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **08-971**, Mr. Kocher would like to declare this an emergency. In the resolution passed back in May there was a timeframe to get the JEDD in place by first of June, this did not happen. This just keeps us up to date with the original agreement. Amending Resolution No. **08-968**. This resolution received its first reading. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Cole. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cole brought the fourth grades up from Duvall. They had a wonderful time. Thank you very much Mr. Kocher and Mayor Roetting.

Mr. Lombardo would like to see where we stand on the Elizabeth Street project. Mr. Kocher has not been looking at this. They are looking at the budget and trying to get focus on these projects. The plan has been the Werner Avenue project will be next. After that we will see where we are at. In the mean time patches and pothole fixes are being done. Mayor Roetting would like to take a look at a spot near a storm sewer at the north end of Elizabeth.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Claire would like to adopt the new 2009 Tax Budget. A motion to adopt the tax budget by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mrs. Cole would like to see our website address put on our sign on the corner. A lot of people don't know about it and it's a great website.

Mr. Bittner would like Mr. Kocher to pass on to Preston that a sink hole has occurred on 1902-1912 Compton Road.

Mr. Crank would like to thank the City of Mt. Healthy for their support and mostly thank John Peters for the work he did during the Veteran's Monument on Memorial Day. Would also like to thank the mayor for a wonderful speech and all the citizens that came out that day. We still have one of the best monuments in the City.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council