

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 15, 2011

The council meeting was called to order by President Don Crank at 7:03 P.M. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused:

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor Joseph Roetting, Law Director Steve Wolf, Treasurer Judy Petersen

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the March 1, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Officer Randy Campbell is here this evening to announce his retirement on April 2, 2011. He will be retiring after being with The City of Mt. Healthy 8 years.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Tracy Burroughs is here to appeal the planning commission's denial to conditional use request for a group home at 1401 Summe Drive. Ms. Burroughs has been a foster parent for over 10 years. Ms. Burroughs has been working on creating a family style living program as alternative living for young adolescent males. She needs a conditional use permit in order for her home to operate in this manner. The program has been reviewed and approved by Lighthouse Services in Hamilton County.

Ms. Burroughs originally stated there would be up to 10 adolescent males in a 4 bedroom home. She has now reduced that number to as low as 6. The planning commission felt that was a large number. These foster children are considered therapeutic. Lighthouse Services handles all the therapy in the home and outside the home.

This comes down to being a zoning issue. There can't be a group home in a residential area. There was a similar request denied to a home on Hoy Court because it was the same type of situation.

A motion was made by Mr. Bittner to accept the planning commission's recommendations to deny the conditional use permit and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charter Committee: Mr. Bittner: Sign-ups have started for the 3,4,5 year old soccer program. This is the spring session from April 1st to May 30th.

Business partnership: Mr. Lombardo: Mt. Healthy Business Association is working on the planning of Celebrate Mt. Healthy in September.

Events/Park Recreation: Jenny Moody: Looking for volunteers for summer events. Something new this year will be to have an employee of the year or citizen of the year. Mrs. Moody would like another meeting to get things in order.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: Joseph Roetting

None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Early indications are The City will be losing \$100,000-\$130,000 in local government funding in the next two years. This is a huge impact. We will be working on the expense trend. We now have 20 full-time employees. Three in our police department will be retiring in the next 6 months. We will be holding off on hiring for these positions until we know how the benefits are going to trend. We will up the part time positions. We all know as a community this is not what we want to be known as, but right now we have to do this to get through this and figure out where we are going.

Changes to our Health Insurance benefits are going into effect May 1st. There will be a meeting with the employees regarding these changes on March 30th. There are still meeting with the other 17 communities.

Fireworks are set for July 3rd. The City is keeping the tradition.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

February month end reports are in the packet.

We are in the process of doing our 2010 GAAP report.

Our 2009-2010 audit is also getting underway.

"Thanks" to Jill for the newsletter that went out in the quarterly ^{Waste}water invoice.

"Thanks" to Melanie for beginning the walking program that will be on Monday's at 5:30 weather permitted. It will begin the first Monday in April.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

Reports balanced with the bank and the auditor for the month of February.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 11-1603 An ordinance providing for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$350,000 by the city of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton County, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of refunding outstanding bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which were originally used to finance the acquisition of real property in the city, and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Cole. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 11-1604 An ordinance providing for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$415,500 by the city of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton County, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of refunding outstanding bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which were originally used to finance the acquisition of real property in the city, and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 11-1605 An ordinance authorizing the consolidation of two separately authorized note issues into a single, various purpose general obligation note issue, aggregating to \$765,500 in principal and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 11-1606 An ordinance assessing costs of the removal of trash and debris and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Cole. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cole would like to report on the Tree Committee. Arbor Day is the last Friday in April on the 29th. The tree committee would like to plant 2 trees on that Saturday after Arbor Day. Karen Arnett is invited to the next council meeting to present the tree planting plans.

The council meeting on April 19th will begin early at 6:30 for the concert at the High School.

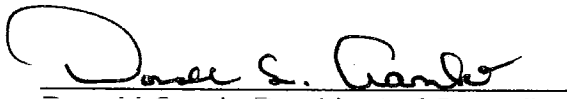
"Thanks" to the maintenance guys for their hard work on council chamber walls.


Police reporting is almost complete.

There are 2 houses on Elizabeth that have now been torn down for the Martin Street project. Things on Martin Street look very different.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Bittner. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.


Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council