

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 1, 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 Mr. Custer and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President asked for a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Bittner. He served for many years in this town and did a lot for the community.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Fire Chief Steve Lawson, Mayor George Rouse, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, Director of Public Works Preston Stapleton, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

President Lawson corrected the spelling of Mr. Hensler's name and Mrs. Lingo pointed out that there was no Safety Committee report last meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes of the February 18 Council meeting as corrected was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Miss Reusch. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Lingo has the police report for anyone who wants to read it.

CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Rouse said that Mr. Custer had told him that Wendy's might be interested in the car wash and house at the corner of Kemper and Hamilton, but that they would also need the strip behind those properties, which is owned by Cincinnati Bell. Someone in the Cincinnati Bell real estate division finally returned Mayor Rouse's call, and "under no circumstances" will they sell that property.

Mayor Rouse noted that Jeff Murphy has prepared several grant applications for the fire department. Two or three of the smaller ones have been successful. We recently were notified that an application for a larger grant has been denied. However, we received a very nice letter saying that the rejection was not due to any deficiency in the application process, and inviting us to re-apply next year. Mayor Rouse thanked Mr. Murphy for all of his hard work.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher said that they have been working on an update to the city policy manual. It has been done since mid January, but needs a few more adjustments to comply with Bureau of Worker's Compensation requirements. A revision to the Fire Department standard operating procedure is also in progress in preparation for the move to part time around the clock April 1. Clemans Nelson has worked on both of these projects, which are in the budget for 2005. Council should expect to see them in the next few weeks.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has declared the Dec. 22 snowstorm a national emergency, and there is funding available to reimburse Mt. Healthy for up to 75% of our expenditures (salt, overtime, equipment repair, gasoline, etc.) during that storm. Mr. Kocher is working with Mr. Stapleton to gather the necessary documentation, and we are on the state's list of people with whom they will set up meetings about this.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

PUBLIC INPUT: None.

ORDINANCES: None.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Safety Committee meeting was rescheduled for 6:30 P.M. on March 15, before the next Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Custer. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:09 P.M.

Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council