

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 21, 2006 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 President Lawson and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

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 March 7 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: Dan Glynn will be picking up trash and spreading mulch by the Hamilton Avenue exit from Cross County highway from 10 AM to 4 PM on Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2. Everyone is welcome to help.

CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Parks: The committee met last Tuesday to go over plans for the park this year. Mr. Kocher met with the architects this week. Most of the work this year will be contracted out. Funding should be available after April 1. The Parks committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 P.M. in the meeting room upstairs in City Hall.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher distributed copies of a letter from Karen Black to Mayor Rouse. Her son Justin will be returning soon from service as a Marine in Iraq. Ms. Black would like to collect letters for all of the members of his squad, thanking them for their service. She would like members of the community to send letters to her at 2551 Pippin Ct. (31) by the end of March.

The city received bids for this summer's grinding and overlay. Barret Paving's was the low bid, and it will allow us to complete the work on Kinney, McMakin, and Hoy that was previously discussed. We will not have enough funding to do more than patch Warner. It may be a good candidate for a SCIP project.

The ordinance setting up a new procedure for allowing alcohol in the park is in tonight's packets. The permit allowing beer or wine in the community room would only be necessary if people want to serve alcohol, so the change in procedure to require a credit card for the deposit will be part of the general rental application instead.

The CIC will meet after the April 4th council meeting.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf mentioned a letter from the Ohio Municipal League about a proposed limitation on tax expenditures in Ohio. The proposal is to change the state constitution to require any increase of more than 3.5% in the existing budget to be submitted to the voters for approval. Approval would require a majority vote of registered voters. Mr. Wolf points out that Mt. Healthy rarely has a majority of registered voters come to the polls, and that this proposal would therefore allow the people who do not vote to prevent any such increase in expenditure. Mr. Kocher pointed out that if, for example, a fire truck were destroyed, this proposal would require a vote to allow the city to purchase a new one even though the insurance funds to pay for it are available, because this would be an increase in fire department expenditures of more than 3.5%.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Ms. Claire noted that the February month end report is in the packets. She gave copies of the 2003-2004 audit report to the Finance Committee, and the 2005 gap report process will be starting in April. Mr. Kocher commented that the funds for the Water Works project were received last year and disbursed this year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the Auditor and the bank for the month of February. The Tax Department had receipts of \$47,000 in February. Filing has been slow this year. The E-file program is up on the city's website, and eight people have used it so far.

ORDINANCES:

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1482** An Ordinance Amending Section 96.22 of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances Regarding Alcoholic Beverages. This ordinance received its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. **06-1483** An Ordinance Amending Section 152.53(B)(1) of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances Regarding Residency Requirements for the Board of Zoning Appeals. This ordinance received its first reading.

RESOLUTIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: Mayor Rouse clarified that the folks at McMakin Lodge have requested handicapped parking only signs in front of the lodge to limit parking from 5-10 PM Monday through Friday. Mayor Rouse has talked to Bayes Construction and Herman Plumbing and this is OK with them. He will check with the library as well. After some discussion, Mayor Rouse said that he will have the Lodge pay for two signs (four parking spaces total, on Hamilton from the alley by the library south to Compton) and put them up, but with the stipulation that one sign may come down again if there are too many complaints.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Cook thanked everyone for their support on the death of his wife.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council