

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 17, 2009

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:

Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Cole. A motion was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo to excuse Mr. Lombardo this evening. An aye vote carried the motion

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the February 3, 2009 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Angie Buettner attended The First Suburbs Consortium, which is the largest government-led advocacy organization in the country working to revitalize mature, developed communities, and raise public and political awareness of the problems and inequities associated with urban sprawl and urban disinvestment. There will be a movie put out in the fall named "A Crack in the Pavement." In the movie they talk with Madeira's mayor and Elmwood's mayor about how the older mature communities are taking a hit really hard. There is not money for the older communities, but there is for urban sprawl. Angie will be representing Mt. Healthy at these meetings.

Hamilton County offers an Ohio prescription card. Anything not paid by your insurance company will be paid by the county. There is paperwork that would need to be filled out, but this is available to everybody.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business, School and Library; Mr. Bitter would like to report on what has been going on with the school district. There are going to be a lot of things coming up in March. Bids are going out for the JR/SR High School. The week of March 10th site work at the south elementary will begin. On March 2nd, at 5:00pm there will be a ground breaking ceremony at the south elementary. The week of March 18th they are going to start construction at the north elementary. March 30th will be the start of construction at the south elementary.

Safety; Mrs. Lingo has had many complaints regarding speeding on Kemper.

Parks; They had a park board meeting this evening. Mrs. Moody is working on getting a summer schedule together. There will be bingo, kid's campout, and fireworks in the park, family movie night, council appreciation cookout with the council meeting at the community center. We are going to try a wine, cheese, and movie night for adults in August. There are dates for the plant sale and the Denny Hays foundation, the Civic Orchestra will play in June. New this year will be a dog event at Heritage Park and people can dress up their dogs. Debbie Conradi is going to head up this event with Grooms and Whiskers, which this event will be sometime in May or the beginning of June. Money is tight this year and there will have to be a few cuts in events.

Community Group Liaison; Ms. Brandy met with Debbie Conradi tonight to discuss coming up with a community newsletter. We will need to meet with Steve on legal issues. There will be more information at a later time.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Roetting announces Angie informally will be our representative for the City of Mt. Healthy at the First Suburbs Consortium meetings. It is greatly appreciated.

The property maintenance ordinance will be coming soon. It is not ready at this time.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher attended a meeting downtown regarding the BFC (Bicycle Friendly Communities) there is an organization out there by city or region where you can try to become a BFC. This does not always mean that you have large bike paths, but there are a lot of other things involved with it from safety awareness to getting people involved.

United Way has a number "211," which is a national number that people can dial and it goes to a center that refers people back to different agencies in the county you live in that can help out. This can be credit counseling, housing services, health services, food and many things. If you know somebody who is struggling let them know this number is out there.

Preston Stapleton will be having back surgery, which he may be out up to 3 months with his recovery. Please keep Preston in your thoughts he will be in an 8 hour surgery on Monday, keep him in your prayers. We have worked out some alternatives to cover Preston being out. We are down to a 2 man street department. Our fire chief is a CDL licensed and will be able to help out in an emergency situation along with another fire department employee.

Mr. Kocher has spoke with Matt Faye from Mt. Healthy Business Association regarding the community development money that we do have for parking lots this year. The history of the lot behind the old hardware store was originally purchased by Mt. Healthy Business Association and the city actually owns it now. The idea of this space is to turn it into a parking lot. The next step is to start working with an engineer and getting an idea of what this is going to cost.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf and Mr. Kocher met with Joanna Brown and have gone over the final drafts of a property maintenance brochure and another is a foreclosure prevention checklist. These will be available at City Hall and also on the website.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Claire states the 2008 GAAP report is underway and Melanie is taking on a lot of the elements of that report and trying to bring some of it in house. The 2007-2008 audit will begin once the 2008 GAAP report is complete.

January month end reports are in the packets.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 09-1548. An ordinance amending section 150.103{D} of the Mt. Healthy code of ordinances regarding building regulation fees. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cole would like to announce there have been around 224 cell phones collected and around 300 pieces of equipment for the Hope Line project through Verizon Wireless. She would like to thank everyone for taking part in this.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council