

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 19, 2008

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

A public hearing to review and comment on the Springfield Township Joint Economic Development District I Contract was held.

There were no questions to be addressed.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the July 15, 2008 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Hamilton County Environmental Services from Corey R. Chadwick. On behalf of Hamilton County Environmental Services I am pleased to present the 2007 progress report. We would like to thank you and congratulate our staff for the accomplishments that have continued dedication to our environment and community. Copies can be found online.

A copy of the ICRC schedule of the cable recast of The Cincinnati Civic Orchestra is available. They recently played in our park.

Parade to Celebrate Mt. Healthy on September 14, 2008 at 2:00pm. We are invited to be part of the parade to honor a great city of citizens, neighbors, schools, churches, businesses and devoted men and women in uniform who protect us all. There is sign-up sheet.

A letter from Wes Louckes at 1736 Kinney Avenue has noticed more of our neighbors walking dogs and puppies. My wife and I have two dogs and think it would be a good idea to consider a dog park in the city. The nature preserve at the end of Forest Avenue does not seem to be used for anything, so maybe this site could be considered for a dog park.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Debbie Conradi addresses council regarding the Network Neighborhood Group. She has the results of the safety survey and has copies to pass out. You will be surprised at the results. 50% feel safe in their neighborhood, 50% do not. Does the city respond quickly – 62% said yes. Do you think there is significant police presence – 52% said yes. There was still a group of people that said not applicable. Almost all were answered at a 50/50 rate. 50 people responded to take this survey.

President Crank “Thanks” Debbie for the presentation and all the hard work put into it. It was very well put together. The rest of the committee will look these over and see what we come up with.

Karen Arnett passes out a letter in response to the Network Neighborhood Groups complaint regarding complaints on her property. One is the original letter of complaint and the second is Karen’s response to the complaint.

Mike Niebling would like to know the progress as far as some of the streets in the city. He lives on Joseph, which has gotten bad in that area. How do the streets get rated to be fixed?

Mr. Kocher responds by the streets are on the list and is done by priority and will be discussed more in a work session. The north part of Clovernook and Adams road is priority right now because they get a lot more traffic, so it would score higher on funding projects.

Nancy Kursel has been a resident on Elizabeth for 20 years. She wants to address speeding on Elizabeth. There are a lot of cars that come up and down the street at a high rate of speed. There are a lot of young children in the area. Would like to know if there is any talk of posting more signs or enforcement?

Mr. Bittner lives on Elizabeth Street also and the stop sign at Madison doesn’t even work. They don’t even touch their brakes when they go through it. 40 miles an hour is not an imagination at all. It is a concern. Obviously the police can’t be everywhere at all times.

Mrs. Cole was walking on Stevens and three different neighbors came up to her complaining about the speeding on Stevens. It has got much worse.

Mr. Kocher will email the chief right now addressing this issue.

SPECIAL PRSENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Business, School and Library** committee. Mr. Bittner attended a couple of the schools meeting regarding the new buildings. Mr. Lombardo attended a Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting. Celebrate Mt. Healthy September 13th and September 14th. Would like to call to your attention is the City Yard Sale, which lasts all day. Cornhole tournament at noon. Take a look at a flyer, which has all the details on it. At the meeting there was a presenter there that is going to be publishing a new book on Mt. Healthy. It is a book with old pictures of Mt.

Healthy, which is really good. The book goes for \$19.95. These will be on sale at the Celebrate Mt. Healthy. You can also purchase it through the Historical Society and they would get a portion of the sale.

The **Finance** committee will have their next meeting in October.

Public Events/Parks. Mrs. Moody states there is a lot going on in the parks right now. The Civic Orchestra was wonderful. Mr. James Wolf states the Bingo's went very well again this year and the last one had 36 people, so those have been steadily success over the past couple of years. The biggest excitement has been bringing the campout back to the park. It hasn't happened in a very long time. 85 kids ended up coming to the event, but Megan Weil she did an amazing job. There were 12 adults that stayed with the kids – campout, grill out, smore's, swimming, and tag and it was really great. Next year we hope to have a few of them. Not a single incident the whole time. Hopefully this can get the kids excited about living here. "Cars" was showed last week at the park and have over 60 people sign in.

Tonight there was a cookout for pool pass holders, city employees and elected officials past and current. Mrs. Moody would like to send a "thanks" to Bill and Ray and the office that were helping out contacting everybody. There was a good turn out tonight. Mrs. Moody appreciates everybody's help in making these events happen.

President Crank would like to "Thank" Mr. James Wolf and Mrs. Moody for doing a tremendous job.

Mrs. Moody would like to have a Park Board meeting soon.

Safety committee met regarding the vicious dog ordinance. We are in the process of putting something together to present to council for your consideration for the next council meeting.

City Gateways Streets/Utilities committee has decided on a sign for the entrance to Mt. Healthy.

Mrs. Cole would like to give "thanks" to everyone that helped with the concert. Everybody in the orchestra loved it and wants to come back.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

The parade on Sunday, September 14th if we are participating there is a form we need to get filled out and send it in. Everybody will participate at 2:00pm. Mayor Roetting will get the form filled out and back to Arlington.

Jamie is looking for volunteers for Celebrate Mt. Healthy.

Mrs. Bramkamp turned 100 years old a few weeks ago. The city presented her with a proclamation. She has lived on Adams Road since 1951 or 1952.

The open house project we did with JoAnna Brown. The brunch with the realtors went very well. We did not have a lot of people show up for the new home buyer's seminar. A few people

did come to the city wide open house and went around to the houses for sale. We plan to hold these events again in the future.

Mayor Roetting would like to “Thank” everybody from council for being involved and that really does help. Continue giving us ideas and we will support you in every way we can.

The park has a Halloween Event with costumes, pumpkin carving contest and a few other things. Sylvia Lawson will be heading this event up. Once again another volunteer has stepped up and wants to do something positive for the city.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher would like to address the street priorities and this is a very difficult decision. We try to do our best. Something we really need to look at is the St. Clair project. We do need to look at our priorities and we will have a work session on the September 2nd council meeting and everyone can get on the same page.

President Crank thinks streets are a priority that the citizens of this city are really looking at and I know we are all going to move in that direction in years to come and I know that is a priority with you, Mr. Kocher.

We have finally closed on the Clark Station and it is now in the process of being torn down. This will be an improvement and we are going to keep it as an entry point to the city. It is going to become a green space and hopefully a future project. We did a ground study with an environmental company and all the ground water testing came back good. The little building there ended up having asbestos in it, so the county is paying 100% of the demolition and half the clean up costs. Anything down there is going to be an improvement.

The state is pushing for joint projects with neighboring communities. They are actually providing funding for feasibility studies just to see if it makes sense. It will show us if it makes sense to join other communities. It will help us see what we can do with small fire districts. Hopefully we will find out the beginning of September to see if we will be awarded the grants.

Steve Lawson, our fire chief would like to share with us Colerain Township passed a resolution thanking Mt. Healthy for our help in the situation of their loss of two firefighters.

LAW DIRECTOR’S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf would like to announce there will be a work session the first meeting in September. At that point we will fill you in on where we are on the comprehensive plan. In the comprehensive plan is a branding strategy to come up with logos, signs and start working on a common theme.

AUDITOR’S REPORT:

The July month end reports are in your packet. The 2007 GAAP report is completed. There is a pdf format on the web. There will be department head meetings in September to discuss the 2009 budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **08-973**. A resolution adopting Springfield Township joint economic development district I contract with the City of Mt. Healthy. 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 resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Resolution **08-974**. A resolution adopting the 2008-2009 DARE application. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

ORDINANCES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody would like to recognize a couple of people in the audience, Mr. Bob Vogel and Mr. Johnson both were former Mt. Healthy employees. We appreciate them being here.

Mrs. Cole went to the recycling field trip with Bill and Ray. She learned a couple of things; one the water bottles you are not supposed to recycle the caps. Pizza boxes are not to be recycled because of the grease. Thought we could get some type of information with the waste bills or on our website. There are plenty recycling bins available here at city hall.

President Crank would like to "thank" the ICRC for the hard work they did on putting together the program for the concert in the park. They were called at the last minute and were able to come through for us.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mr. Jamie Wolf moves to go into executive session and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. They moved into Executive session at 8:00PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council