

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 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:

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

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 March 3, 2009 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky (VNA) will celebrate their 100-year anniversary while honoring one of Cincinnati's most caring families, the Portmans. Join the VNA on Saturday, April 18, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel for the Caring Award Ceremony.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Ian Clems lives at 1420 Compton Road. He has packed the council chambers with supporting family and friends this evening. Ian addressed council about big kid swings in the park. Ian and his friends were excited to see work being done on the park, but disappointed when there were no big kid swings and have now waited three years to see big kid swings put in the park, but it has never happened. The park is useless for him and his friends and anybody over 5 years old.

Mr. Kocher "Thanks" Ian for addressing council this evening. There is good news with the city being awarded \$125,000 to work on Mt. Healthy's park phase 3 project. Planning with council will be begin to decide how to use this money. This is a great start for ideas.

Dan Clems (Ian's dad) would like to know if council could promise Ian he would have swings by next summer in 2010. He has waited 3 years to have big kid swings, and that is a long time for the kids to wait.

Mrs. Moody is on the park committee and would like to "Thank" Ian for coming up and addressing council. To promise him now that he would have swings would be a little short sighted. Mrs. Moody would like to see the kids being part of the planning as to what goes in at the park. The city has to consider the liability factor.

Mayor Roetting states the city does have the \$125,000 to work on the park. It would be wrong to promise anything right now. "Thanks" Ian for coming up tonight and he will be considered in the process. At this time there is not a park board, which is made up of the community. This is an excellent opportunity to get a park board started and bring the kids on board to help with the park planning. It takes time to make this happen.

Beverly Anderson, Ian's mom would like to ask about the existing play equipment at the park. There is a bubble that has been busted out and there are plastic shards still left.

Mr. Kocher states they are aware of this and are working to get this fixed.

David Hoffman addresses council regarding Eclipse Bar. He is having a tremendous problem with this bar. He has heard over and over that something is going to happen. He lives next door to the bar and has video proof of patrons coming out at 3 o'clock in the morning completely drunk that they can't stand and vomiting in the street and the police are watching them get in their cars and drive off. He does not know what else to do. He hasn't seen Mt. Healthy police over there in a long time.

Mr. Kocher states the City has had a purchase contract on that property since last May. It is a legal process they have to go through in order to get the title. The city follows up on this every other week, but it is in the Butler County courts hands and until the title has been cleared they can't do anything. The City agrees with Mr. Hoffman that it is nothing but a problem and as soon as they get the clearance from the courts it will be a done deal.

Mr. Wolf would like to help explain why this purchase has taken so long. The gentleman who owns that property is from Butler County who swindled a bunch of investors and has been convicted and put in jail. Now all the property he owns in various places are with a court receiver who now has to go through all the properties and has to see that every property was purchased legally.

Mr. Kocher knows they are making arrests there. He will talk to the Chief tomorrow regarding these situations. The city knows this is a huge problem and is working to get this fixed as quickly as possible.

Mayor Roetting states if you see something illegal "CALL THE POLICE" they will respond.

Council is aware of this entire situation and we want it gone too. We understand what is being said and we will move on this as quickly as possible.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business, School and Library; Mr. Lombardo attended a Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting and they are planning the 2nd Annual Business Expo for Saturday, May 16, 2009 from 11:00am – 3:00pm at the Eagles Hall.

Mr. Bittner states they have started moving dirt around at the South Elementary School.

Public Events & Parks; Mrs. Moody announces another added event on Sunday, May 31, 2009 will be the Mt. Healthy pet parade and dog show. The calendar is complete and will be posted on the website and there will be flyers downstairs in the tax office.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mr. Roetting would like to touch on the ordinance to be passed tonight. The ordinance is for a one year term. The city of Mt. Healthy went out for 15 years on this and we received no takers. Mt. Healthy is very solid and there were absolutely no takers. The rate on this is 3%, which is fair and we will work with it.

The city would greatly appreciate any volunteers to help on the park board. The park board is made up of city residents. If you have a good idea we are willing to let you run with it.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The city received a grant for \$10,000 from the U.S. Department of Justice. We will be looking at using it for the purchase of equipment.

Community Development is getting additional funds from the stimulus. There will be \$450,000-\$500,000 that will be available for community events. This will be a competitive process in order to receive these funds. We would like to target this for grind and overlay on some of our city streets.

The city is working with the high school regarding the entrance on Hamilton Avenue. We had mentioned this entrance the first part of this year about having a right turn lane southbound on Hamilton. We are going to handle this as a bid out project and we bill the school and get reimbursed 100%. This will be another partnership with the school board.

Mt. Healthy recycled 96 more tons in 2008 than 2007. That is a great improvement. We can contribute a lot of that to Ray and Susan for their efforts in getting the word out to residents.

In April we are going paperless with pay stubs. Everything will be available online.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf attended the Regional Planning Commission's district advisory and took a tour of Golf Manor and this was a similar area as to Martin Street. There were four family homes with 10-14 of them in a row. This was helpful with ideas for Mt. Healthy.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

February 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 February.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 09-1549. An ordinance providing for the issuance of bond anticipation notes in an amount not to exceed \$515,000 by the City of Mt. Healthy, Hamilton county, Ohio in anticipation of the issuance of bonds for the purpose of refunding bond anticipation notes, the proceeds of which were 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 Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Lombardo would like to set up a Finance Committee meeting for Tuesday, April 21st at 6:00pm.

Mr. Wolf would just like to give council a head's up about the renewal of the fire levy. There will be 2 pieces of legislation, the first being the request to the county auditor to certify how many mills. The second will be to put it on the ballot and will need to be passed around mid May.

Mayor Roetting would like to let you know the Mt. Healthy High School girl's softball team will be playing their games at the park this spring.

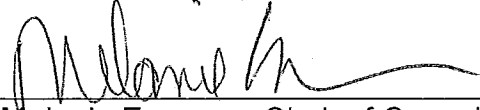
ADJOURNMENT:

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 7:55 P.M.



~~Donald Crank, President of Council~~

Ross Bittner, Substitute



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council