MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 21, 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.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 7, 2008 Council Meeting as printed was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Crank would like to reiterate the fact that the Great Oaks renewal is up. This will not raise your taxes. It goes to a lot of great things. Also, the Mt. Healthy School district bond levy, which Mt. Healthy city council has decided to support. We endorse this whole heartedly. We hope you all get out and vote for that on Election Day.

A letter from Highview Christian Church has sent a special invitation to you for our church services. Sunday, November 2nd is a special worship assembly. There will be a free meal in the morning.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Angie Buettner has passed out a flyer inviting everybody to a neighborhood street party at 1985 Madison Avenue Saturday, November 1st. Anybody can stop by from 3pm-? It is a way to get to know your neighbors.

SPECIAL PRSENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Roetting would like to thank all the departments on the great job they did after the storm. Things are going well with the clean up. A great job to those guys!

The election is coming up with the Great Oaks School levy and Mayor Roetting appreciates council endorsing that.

It has been a long time since the City has increased our traffic fines. We are looking into doing this. We found out that we haven't raised our fines in years. We just want to be up to par with every other city. We don't want to be the highest around, but we don't want to be the lowest.

It is the Mayor's responsibility to monitor these fines.

Mr. Wolf states it is the Mayor's responsibility to create a payout schedule. So they can pay these amounts up front and not have to come to court.

Starting in 2009 the court will be starting at 5:00pm. Right now it is at 6:00pm. There is a lot more customers and it has been running late into the evening with starting at 6:00pm.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher would like to address the salt issue. This continues to be a problem. We are continuing to get bids. We did start to see this issue at the end of last year. Springdale stepped up and allowed us to purchase salt from them. We are trying to do some joint purchases with other governments. For the first year we decided to piggyback with the county, so we are not being left out with salt deliveries. A lot of things have occurred, salt shortages, and the prices have tripled. We would pay the price, but it is just not there to purchase. We are expanding our brine tank. As of today, we have no salt and no salt in the pipelines. Very quickly it is going to become an issue. The county is not even going to buy salt this year. We will continue to work on this.

We have been working closely with the schools; the projects are moving along well. They are getting ready to go out to bid on the projects in the next few months. Something that has became apparent and this will be addressed at our next meeting is the permit fee structure. This is an 80million dollar project. When you apply these fees to this project the fees become very high. We will see a fairly significant fee from this project, but not as high. We will work on this and have an ordinance that will need to be passed.

We are continuing to work on the budgets. The department heads are due back Friday and we will plug along. There is a finance meeting before the next council meeting, which will give us an update on where we are this year.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

There will be a housekeeping ordinance at the end of November for 2008, so that we can clean up for year end. September month end reports are in your packets.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 08-1534. An ordinance repealing section 90.02 of the Mt. Healthy code of ordinances regarding pit bulls received the third reading. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Wolf and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cole is still receiving complaints regarding speeding on Stevens Avenue. We would like to see more police officers there. She would like to see about putting up on our website about signs being put up on telephone poles regarding yard sales and then not taking them down. Residents may not know that they are not supposed to put these signs up.

Mr. Kocher will see about having that put up on our website.

Mr. Mayor Roetting announced that there will be a work session coming up in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council