MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Don Crank at 7:06 P.M. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the September 23, 2008 Council Meeting as printed was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Debbie Conradi addressed council regarding a flyer she received in the mail from Tri-State Medical Reserve Corp. Debbie joined to help this community and it is opened to anybody. They need people to do everything. You can go to www.serveohio.org for information. Debbie was speaking to Officer Powell and asked him if he had anybody to help with the phones after the disaster. There is a program called Volunteers in Police Service. Colerain Township and Springfield Township has this program. Volunteers would work with the police department with anything they would need in a disaster situation. Debbie is using Springfield Township as an example because they have a great website; they have on their website a complaint/concern form where you can email a complaint and fill out a form. Debbie is asking the city to consider putting a form like this on Mt. Healthy's website.

Mr. Kocher comments that the city has made a conscience effort not to do the form on the website because we don't have the man power to allow for that. With every complaint we pay our contractor to respond that doesn't make productive use of his time.

Angie Buettner stated that Hot Spot cards have been used. Every time there has been a complaint somebody has got back to her; whether it is the Chief or Bill Knight, so in some way the City has been doing this with these cards.

Jean Ciancio addressed council to consider supporting the Great Oaks Levy. She is a former public relations and has retired and now she volunteers for the levy. Great Oaks offers vocational/career technical education for 36 school districts. This levy is a renewal levy and will not increase your taxes.

President Crank also works for Great Oaks and would like to reinforce this idea that it does not raise your taxes and is letting people become good employees and also has a great input in our society and our community.

Mike Niebling lives on the alley which connects to Beverage Depot on Compton Road. There have been numerous occasions of loitering, littering, bottles being broken. There is a lot of foot traffic and a lot of trash. He has been there 10 years and has given up in the past few years picking up the trash. It is a constant problem. They are breaking bottles and being confronted by him and other neighbors and they show no respect for the property owners. He would like to see about having the alley closed to through traffic. It has started happening in the last few years.

Mr. Kocher would like to set a meeting with the safety committee and maybe have the owner of Beverage Depot and the Chief there to discuss these matters as a starting point. Mr. Kocher urged to contact the police and not confront these folks that are in the alley way. This will get the city a record of calls regarding the incidents.

Beth Adams addresses council also regarding the Beverage Depot alley issue. She lives at the end the alley. There is criminal activity, vandalism and it is a scary thing. The way her house is located she can see everything and it is not just a nuisance; it is criminal. This is happening around 4-6 pm. Beth would like to know with all the schools' becoming empty is there a possibility of one of the buildings becoming a recreation center.

Mr. Kocher says the buildings do have intended purposes. The condition the buildings are in requires them to be torn down.

SPECIAL PRSENTATIONS:
None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
None

MAYOR'S REPORTS:
None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher would like to update on the storm debris. It is going to be in the Hilltop that will require everybody to call in by October 15th to get their information logged. We have it on the website and the board out front of city hall.

Mr. Kocher has put together a binder for FEMA. Preston Stapleton is going to the FEMA meeting with all documentation regarding the city's expenses for the storm that has occurred, which have cost the city thousands of dollars. Right now it has not been declared a disaster. This is the process that we have to go through to get us declared an emergency. If we are declared an emergency we will have to sit down and itemize all expenses during the storm. This is the process that has been started.

Department heads have the budget worksheets and are due by the end of month. This will bring us up to date on where we are to work toward the November, December time frame.

Mr. Kocher would like to handle Mayor Roetting's letter that has been put in the packets. This is his letter stating endorsing the school levy. He would like this to be reinforced to help support the school levy that they have on the ballot this year.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf reported the housing plan is in the draft stage. The final should be ready by the end of year.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 08-975. A resolution authorizing the City of Mt. Healthy to contract for Public Health Services received the third and final reading. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Cole. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 08-976. A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor 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 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 08-977. A resolution accepting the annexation of 24.6895 acres to the City of Mt. Healthy, Ohio from Springfield Township and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 08-978. A resolution authorizing the safety service director to make application for fiscal year 2009 state capital improvement program funds and if funds are awarded to execute grant agreements on behalf of the city. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Bittner. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 08-1534. An ordinance repealing section 90.02 of the Mt. Healthy code of ordinances regarding pit bulls received the second reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Mayor requests to have a motion to support the Mt. Healthy City Schools levy. A motion to support the levy was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mr. Lombardo would like to call a finance committee meeting on November 4th at 6:00pm.

Mrs. Lingo would like to call a safety committee meeting on November 12th at 7:00pm.
Mr. Wolf would like to make a motion to support the Great Oaks levy and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

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.

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Donald Crank, President of Council

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Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council