

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 6, 2011**

The council 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:

Present: Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Cole

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Moody

Mr. Lombardo made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Lingo to excuse the above named absent members. All in favor, *motion carried.*

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Treasurer Judy Petersen, Mayor Joseph Roetting, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Law Director Steve Wolf

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the November 15, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The City of Mt. Healthy recently completed financial audit and has received the Auditor of State Award. The Auditor of State Award is given to those entities that file timely financial report in accordance with GAAP, as well as receive a "clean" audit report. The "clean" audit report means that your financial audit did not contain findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, single audit finding or questioned costs.

The City of Mt. Healthy was named a 20-year integrated community in Hidden Treasures, Cincy Magazine. The communities recognized as Hidden Treasures were identified as stable, integrated communities based on data from the U.S. Census. An integrated community in Hamilton County is defined as one with African-American population of not less than 10 percent and not more than 80 percent.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: *Joseph Roetting*

We will have the award at the next council meeting for the 20-year integrated community.

Light up Mt. Healthy will be this Saturday, December 10th 6-9pm. Santa will make an appearance.

Budget numbers are set. Council has received the budget in their packets for review. Looking at ways to cut costs.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTR'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

Met with finance committee and everybody has the budget numbers. Will need to get the legislation passed at next council meeting in order to meet deadlines.

A few highlights:

- Revenues are definitely slipping.
- Police has largest budget in the city. There is a \$112,000 reduction. This will be coming from frozen salaries and reduction in head count of full time to part time employees. Recently sold the Harley and received \$10,000. Hoping to purchase a new vehicle in next year. There has not being a new vehicle purchased since 2008.
- Park will be cutting 900 hours during the pool season.
- Community environment will still do July 4th. That is in the budget.
- Frozen salaries.
- There will be a BWC increase.
- Fire Department will reduce by 4hours of coverage each day.
- Still thinking 2013 will be worse.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Steve Wolf*

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire*

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 11-1622: Final Reading of an ordinance establishing an Urban Tree Commission. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Cole and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 11-1623: Final Reading of an ordinance relating to sweepstakes/internet cafes. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0

Ordinance 11-1624 An ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Brandy. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.


NEW BUSINESS:


There will be a work session immediately following the council meeting.

Mr. Crank would like to "Thank" Gregg Cutter for creating a website for the Veteran's Monument. There is a link on Mt. Healthy's website. Be sure to take a look.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Bittner. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.


Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council