

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING June 21, 2011

A Public Hearing was held regarding the 2012 Tax Budget before the council meeting began. We will need a motion in order to pass the budget.

The council meeting was called to order by President Don Crank at 7:05 P.M. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Wolf

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed of the May 17, 2011 and the June 15, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Word Family Life Center at 693 Fresno Road in Forest Park on June 25, 2011. Hamilton County families can enjoy healthy food, fun physical activity, cooking demos, garden tours and more at the WeTHRIVE! community event. This will be held from 11:00am – 2:00pm.

Karen Arnett sends a letter with her list. Hopes to find others who would like to help with maintaining the historic cemetery; including preservation and restoration of the many broken stones. She is paying attention even if at times she gets behind on the weeding intended. Thank you to your attention on this. It is a privilege to live next to this cemetery with its great charm and its many hidden stories. Just know this is a work in progress.

Council appreciates Karen's efforts and hard work in maintaining the cemetery.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Lowenburg; is here this evening to follow up on the proposed Family Dollar store. There is a little bit of confusion about scheduling last month. There was several meetings scheduled back to back and it is Mr. Lowenburg's understanding is that there is a planning commission meeting scheduled for July 18th. According to the zoning code the planning commission will provide a written report to City Council within 30days of the commission's recommendations. From that point on City Council has 45days to set a public hearing. Once that is provided to Council would like to make sure there is ample time for the community to review the report and to have plenty of notice before that hearing is set. As a community perspective it is felt that things are being rushed.

Sylvia Lawson; Announcing the Red, White, and Blue kid's parade on July 3rd at 7:00pm for 3-12 year olds. The children must be with an adult. There will be prizes given to the best decorated bike, wagon, scooter, etc. She could use any help from City Council. She is short on help this year. Everybody wear their patriotic best!

Karen Arnett; There are now 3 new trees planted at the Hastings Park. They have finally been planted.

"Thanks" to Karen for the work on the ceremony on Arbor day.

Rosie Powell; is here this evening to find out what the laws of the land are in the Mt. Healthy community. She has lived here 8 years and has 2 neighbors that are absolutely obnoxious. They play loud music until 2:00 – 3:00 in the morning. There have been numerous calls made to the police department. They ask them to turn it down and as soon as they pull away the music goes back up. This is an ongoing battle. She needs the community's backup to file these complaints.

This is the first time Mr. Kocher is hearing about this and would like to get your information and call you after speaking to the police.

This is the correct avenue to take. Council has now heard your complaints and the Safety Service Director, Mr. Kocher will follow up with you.

Penny Huber; The museum will be open during the July 3rd celebration from 7:00 – 9:00pm.

Tracy Sartan; Her concern is when she calls the police it can take her up to 2 hours before she is able to get an officer on the phone. So far, this has just been complaints about loud music, but if she is having trouble and can't get a hold of the police this is a concern to her.

Mr. Kocher lets her know to contact 911 if there is an emergency. There is a non-emergency dispatch number and he will let you know this number when they talk.

Mr. Crank "Thanks" everybody coming up and stating their concerns and issues and they will be looked into.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Lorraine Whoberry, S.T.A.C.I.E Foundation; The foundation was started in 2001. The Tri-State Chapter of the Silent Witness Project was recently formed to bring awareness to Victims of Domestic Violence. We feel an urgency to do something that speaks out against Domestic Violence. The Silent Witness Project commemorates the lives of those whose lives ended violently at the hands of a husband, ex-husband, partner or acquaintance as a result of domestic violence. Their voices will not be silenced, their lives will not be forgotten, and their stories will be heard, through a free-standing, life-sized red wooden figure, each one bearing the name of a person who once lived. They were our family, children, friend, neighbor, and co-worker. An unnamed silent figure will represent those uncounted women whose murders have gone unsolved or were erroneously ruled accidental. These figures are the Silent Witnesses. The official launch is October 1st and would just like the city to know they are here. Please visit the website www.staciefoundation.org

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Charter Committee; Ross Bittner; There has been a meeting set for Wednesday, June 29th at 7:00pm and there has been 15-17 people contacted. The hopes are to have a committee by the November elections.

Events/Park Recreation; Jenny Moody; Bingo will be tomorrow. There is a movie night this Saturday.

Finance; Tony Lombardo; There will be a finance committee meeting before the next council meeting on July 19th at 6:00pm.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: Joseph Roetting

Just to give a timeline on the Charter Committee; what happens is we need at least 15 people on the ballot. Project lasts for one year. After the election you have one year to get a charter together. It's an opportunity to rewrite a lot of your government. Contact the city if you have any interest in joining. It would run from November 2011 thru November 2012. An average would be to meet one night a week. It would definitely be a commitment.

Reminder of the July 3rd Fireworks.

There will be an adult themed movie night this Saturday, the 25th of June in the park. The movie will be Tomb Raider.

Hearing will be July 18th regarding the proposed Family Dollar. Once council is informed of the planning commissions hearing they have 30 – 45days to hold a public hearing. There may need to be a special council meeting. It is council's wishes to wait until there is a report ready before setting the date.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Phillip Nunes, from Volunteers of America; They are looking to put a veteran's temporary housing unit in the community and one of the locations is the old carwash next to the adult daycare. They provide specialized transitional housing services to address the unique needs of our homeless veterans. These programs offer a stable environment and help them move into independent housing through our supportive services. We also serve veterans with special needs by providing mental health treatment programs. Cutting-edge techniques proven effective for this unique population such as intensive case management, clinical treatment and peer support, result in the successful integration of these homeless veterans into the community. Our transitional housing programs offer a long-term structured environment for homeless men and veterans working towards self-sufficiency. We offer supportive services including case management, employment counseling, life-skills training, assistance with securing benefits and referrals for substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

The LED traffic light project has been awarded and the work will begin towards the end of summer.

The storm sewer and Seward Avenue project began today. There will be an adjustment to the budget needed, but there may be FEMA funds available for this project and we will be looking into this.

Habitat for Humanity house pulled out of the project on 7373 Werner Avenue. They will try again next year.

The Sergeant and Chief's exam will be given on July 6th and 7th. It will be given by Clemans, Nelson.

The Martin Street contract will be awarded on the last day of July. The projected move in date will be September 2012.

Clovernook and Adams project will be getting started this summer. There is a scheduled meeting with Compton Groves which will open up communications with them.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

May month end reports are in the packet.

We have received the preliminary 2009-2010 audit report. The final will be available soon. Happy to report it is a favorable report.

There is a motion made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo approving the 2012 Tax Budget. An aye vote carried the motion.

There is a link to our google calendar that is now on our website. This will let you know everything going on in the city.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Judy Petersen*

Balanced with the bank and auditor for the month of May.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Cole would like to remind everybody that the City is still collecting old cell phones. There is information on the Mt. Healthy website. www.mthealthy.org

Mr. Bittner reminds everybody of the Hayes/Athletic Program fundraiser in the park on July 16th.

Mrs. Moody would like to recognize the extra effort put towards the soccer program by Ross Bittner and Mayor Joe Roetting.

The survey that went out in the waste bill is now being reviewed.

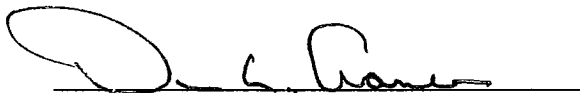
NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Crank on behalf of the Veterans Association would like to "Thank" the city and the garden club for all the hard work done at the memorial.

Mr. Bittner announced the birth of his new granddaughter.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.


Donald Crank, President of Council


Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council