

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 1, 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, Mrs. Cole

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 October 18, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mr. Bittner. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Jim Lowenburg; would like to give a quick update on 7272 Hamilton Avenue following the zoning decision. There has been a committee formed and petitions are being circulated in order to put a referendum on the ballot. He has the petition if anybody is interested in signing. This is an opportunity for democracy to blossom and for people to be involved.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Roetting swears in two new part-time police officers. David Scott, Jr. and Brandon Jones are new additions to Mt. Healthy's Police Department.

Tom Scherz from The Goodtimers is here this evening to "Thank" the Mt. Healthy Police Department for the support and assistance they received with the Freedom Ride benefit motorcycle rally on August 21, 2011. This was the 11th year of this event. He presented the Police Department with a \$1,000 donation check.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: *Joseph Roetting*

The 2011 Kids Fest went very well. Would like to "Thank" Sylvia Lawson and her family for putting this together every year. "Thanks" to all the volunteers for this event.

Xavier Symphonic Winds performed at Mt. Healthy High School. This was not a sold out crowd, but will work on attendance for the next time they play. They will be back two more times.

Would like to keep touching on this because it is important going into 2013. We are working on the budget for 2012 right now. Would like everybody to be cognitive of the fact that there has been a lot of cuts made behind the scenes that the public doesn't see. We have been really efficient with our dollars. We need to really start looking at and planning for 2013.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTR'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

The Healthcare Connection, Inc. (HCI) is interested in purchasing a parcel of the Duvall Property on Compton Road. This is all contingent on them receiving a grant. The city is not in the position to sell the property yet. They would like to submit a letter along with the grant application. We need to look at the site which is 8 acres. We are not sure how much of the property can be developed. We will need to get with an engineer to get a survey of the property.

Our Rumpke contract expires in April 2012. The Center for Local Government has got together with a few communities and did a consortium bid on their waste and I would like to get in on it the next time, which would be in 2 years. Right now we are looking at a 3 year renewal with no increase for the first 2 years and the 3rd year would have a 2% increase. This will include totes for recycling. This does not have to be decided tonight.

There is an ordinance we will do a first reading on tonight on the sweepstakes/internet café. If this ordinance gets adopted it will require the Chief of Police to establish and maintain procedures for obtaining licenses.

The corridor study has been denied by the state, but they do have other options. They could do a complete traffic resignalization with our traffic signals along with North College Hill and north of Mt. Healthy. This would help the flow of traffic on Hamilton Avenue. We will continue meetings with them.

The Habitat for Humanity will have their dedication for the house on Stevens. Chief and I will attend. One of their biggest volunteers has been Nick Stenger.

The police department has a Harley Davidson. We have had it for about 5 years. It is not being using and the only person certified to drive it is now retired. We need to look to sell it. We have an offer for \$10,000. We think we are going to take the offer. We will look at putting the funds toward getting a new vehicle.

A letter came from North College Hill police department regarding Mt. Healthy officer Whit Geier. It says they would like to commend him for the assistance in a traffic pursuit of an armed robber. Because of Officer Geier's quick thinking and courageous efforts he may have ultimately saved lives.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Steve Wolf

None.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: Jill Claire

TREASURER'S REPORT: Judy Petersen

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 11-1622: This is the first reading of an ordinance establishing a Street Tree Commission.

Ordinance 11-1623: This is the first reading of an ordinance relating to sweepstakes/internet cafes.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

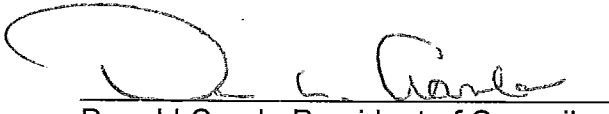
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

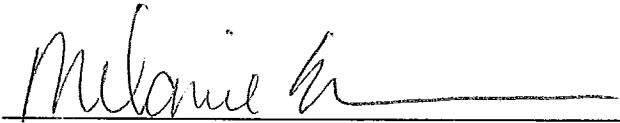
Mr. Crank lets council know he will be having surgery in January 2012 and may need to miss a council meeting or two.

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 7:45 P.M.

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Donald Crank, President of Council

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Melanie Evenson", written over a horizontal line.

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council