

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING October 18, 2011

The council meeting was called to order by President Don Crank at 7:04 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. Wolf made a motion and was seconded by Mr. Lombardo 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 4, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The 3rd Annual Mt. Healthy Halloween Kid's Fest on Saturday October 29th 2:00 to 4:00
HAYRIDE, FOOD, FUN, GAMES AND PRIZES!

- Ages: Toddler to 10 years old
- Costume Parade, wear your Halloween costume!
- Prizes will be given for the Scariest, prettiest, funniest, and most original
- Pumpkin Carving Contest, each family please bring your own pumpkin and carving tools, prizes will be awarded!
- Each child (children) must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian
- Face painting!

PUBLIC INPUT:

Developers of Family Dollar regarding the property at 7272 Hamilton Avenue. Would like to recap on a couple of things that came up at the last council meeting. The traffic issue that has been discussed; the traffic study was done by a professional traffic engineer. There was nothing negative regarding the traffic study. The truck route is not allowed to be routed through the residential neighborhood in order to service this property. That fact would be a fact for any potential use down the road – this would go with the land and not something specific to Family Dollar. Family Dollar is going to own this property. This will be their personal investment, which will be something new for Family Dollar.

There will be no negative impact to the park. No trees will be taken down.

Residents spoke out against having the Family Dollar in Mt. Healthy at 7272 Hamilton Avenue. Asking council to vote "No" on the ordinance to change the zoning for this location. The whole rezoning process has been incredible and an embarrassment to the city. It is not good to go against the residents of this city. The strongest advocates for this rezoning do not live in our community. As council members you have the obligation to represent the interest of Mt. Healthy residents. This is not about Family Dollar as a business. Asking council if you really think that this rezoning and forget about Family Dollar is the best thing for the city that it would be good for the city long term years down the line then vote for it. If you don't believe that and think that it could have a negative impact on the city then vote "No".

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: *Joseph Roetting*

\$812.00 was raised for Honor Flights at the concert in the park held on October 8th. The event was well attended. "Thanks" to everybody who helped out and attended to support the cause.

The school levy will be on the ballot on November 8th. Would like for council to endorse this levy. The levy is Issue 34. It is a 7.65 operating levy. A home of a \$100,000 would pay a tax of \$234 per year, which breaks down to 65cents per day.

Xavier Symphonic Winds Orchestra will be playing at Mt. Healthy High School, October 25th at 7:30pm

A reminder of the Halloween Kid's Fest on Saturday, October 29th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. This will be in the park.

October 30th there is a fund raiser for the Mt. Healthy Alliance at the high school with Fresh Winds Choir at 5:00pm

Mr. Kocher is working on the 2012 budget. Right now the city is financially secure. We have re written some of our loans and adjusted our cash flow. With the state cuts looking into 2015 it's going to be a tough year which will have to be addressed.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTR'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

The city's contract with Rumpke is due to expire April 1, 2012. There will be options being brought to the table soon. Working with Rumpke on the renewal of the contract.

There have been 2 new part time police officers hired. They will be sworn in at the council meeting on November 1st.

Volunteers of America project is moving along. There have been some water line issues that are being worked out. Looking to get a permanent fix.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Steve Wolf*

There will be a draft for the Tree Committee ordinance coming soon.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire*

September month end reports are in the packet.

Wednesday, October 19th will be a records commission meeting. We will be approving the destruction of records.

Decosimo, our auditors will be making a presentation following the November 1st meeting. There will be a finance committee meeting on November 1st prior to the council meeting. Also, a finance committee meeting on November 15th after council and that will be to focus on the 2012 budget.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Judy Petersen*

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

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 11-1620 Final Reading of an ordinance changing the zoning for property at 7272 Hamilton from "D" residential multi-family to "E-1" retail business district. A roll call vote carried the motion 4-2.

Mr. Crank reminds us that we still have to be neighbors and no matter how this vote goes tonight. Let us come together as Mt. Healthians.

Mayor Roetting would like to "Thank" everybody involved in this process. It has been a challenging time and it's a time to move forward.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Steve Wolf would like to address some comments that were made earlier regarding taking it out on the levy. Everyone is responsible for their own actions and it's your right to vote for an elected official. Not voting for a city levy would not punish anyone. It would affect the police department, our fire department, it will affect our streets, it would hurt the neighborhoods and families. If you are wanting to take it out on any of us look at our names and vote a different way, but please don't do it against the levy.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wolf made a motion to endorse Issue 34, the school levy and Mr. Bittner seconded. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to endorse Issue 54, the renewal operating levy and Mrs. Lingo seconded. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mr. Wolf made a motion to endorse Issue 55, which creates a committee to write a charter to put on the ballot for next year and Mr. Bittner seconded. An aye vote carried the motion.

Mr. Lombardo would like to call an Economic Development meeting on Monday, October 24th at 6:30pm here at City Hall. On November 1st at 6:00pm there will be a finance committee meeting to go over the preliminary budget and year end housekeeping.

Anne Cole would like to mention Saturday is "Make a Difference Day." October is National Domestic Violence month and still doing the Verizon phone drive. Remember October is breast cancer awareness month. Ladies get your mammograms.

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 8:25 P.M.



Donald Crank, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council