

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING – Revised from Packet copy
September 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, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Cole

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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 August 16, 2011 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Kim Cremeans; Would like to confirm times for volunteers for Celebrate Mt. Healthy. Still in need of one more car show judge.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Rebecca Ritchie, COA Advisory Council member from the Council on Aging of Southwestern Ohio is here to update council on the 2010 Annual Report.

COA served nearly 7,300 seniors in 2010, helping many to stay out of nursing homes and supporting family caregivers who, because of our help, are able to keep their older loved ones at home. The Hamilton County Elderly Services program helps older adults remain independent within the familiar surroundings of their own homes for as long as possible. Our typical client is a woman in her 80s. She lives alone on a modest income of about \$18,513 a year, from which she pays \$3,118 in out-of-pocket medical costs. Without the support of Hamilton County taxpayers, the Elderly Services Program would not exist. Local tax dollars cover 89 percent of the total cost of the program. The remaining funding comes from federal, state and grant sources, client donations

(requested, but not required, for home delivered meals), and client co-payments (about 23 percent of clients qualify for a co-payment, based on their income and medical expenses). In Mt. Healthy there were 224 clients served. Almost 20 percent of Hamilton County's residents are age 60 or older. This places Hamilton County 54th among Ohio's 88 counties in the proportion of its residents who are age 60 or older.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

None.

MAYOR'S REPORTS: *Joseph Roetting*

The events that are coming up are posted on the website.

Fire Chief Steve Lawson was deployed to help with hurricane Irene. This is no cost to the City.

Mr. Roetting would like to make council aware of the talk about merging of fire departments. Dan Brooks, Mayor of North College Hill has sent a formal letter requesting communication on this matter. Mr. Kocher has started meeting with Mr. Brooks. The communication lines are open.

There is a ribbon cutting ceremony for the North College Hill Civic Center on September 10th from 11am – 1pm.

September 13th at 10:00am will be a ground breaking ceremony for the property being done by Delta and Habitat for Humanity on Stevens.

September 20th from 10am – 2pm a ground breaking ceremony for the South Martin Reserve on Martin Street.

October 7th Mt. Healthy homecoming parade. If anybody is interested in walking in the parade let Mayor Roetting know.

October 8th Stuck in Time would like to do concert in the park. Proceeds would go to a group called Honor Flight. This group helps pay for World War II Vets to take bus trips to Washington DC. It's theme will be "All Alumni" of surrounding areas.

Xavier Symphonic Winds Orchestra will be playing 3 dates at Mt. Healthy High School, October 25th at 7:30pm, February 29th at 7:30pm, and April 20th at 7:30pm.

Mt. Healthy tree board will have a proposed tree commission ordinance coming out to council to review. "Thanks" to Karen Arnett for all her efforts in putting this together.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTR'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

There is a copy of the letter from Hamilton County on council's desk regarding the Hamilton County Community Development Block Grant Program. Before November 4th there will be a public hearing to discuss the application. This is something we need to start thinking about. This will be a decreased amount awarded to the City.

VOA project has started. The demolition has begun and will be moving forward. There are some parking issues that have come up. The number of units won't necessarily translate to the number of parking spaces needed. The plan designs will go to the planning commission along with a parking space variance.

Mrs. Moody would like to plan for an architectural review board, which is created by a comprehensive plan ordinance. We would need to have a licensed architect on the review board. There needs to be 3 volunteers, which includes 1 architect. This takes time to put together. Mrs. Moody will work on putting this comprehensive plan ordinance together. Let's put this on the agenda for a work session at the 1st meeting of October.

Family Dollar updates are on our website.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *Steve Wolf*

We need to address if the public hearing was put in the paper at 5:30.

If the public hearing was posted at 5:30pm we will come in at that time to keep things in place. An aye vote carried this 6-0.

AUDITOR'S REPORT: *Jill Claire*

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Judy Petersen*

None.

ORDINANCES:

None.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

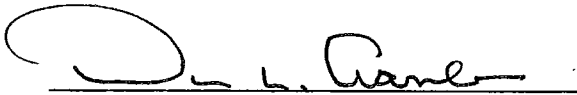
Mr. Crank would like to bring up the levy campaign for the renewal for operating expenses. It's important to get the word out that this will not raise your taxes. Need to have flyers printed up and would like council to help pass them out.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Cole. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



Donald Crank, President of Council



Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council