

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 15 at 7:00 P.M.**

The 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:

Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Wolf, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bittner, Ms. Brandy, Mrs. Cole

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Mayor Joe Roetting, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

There was a correction on the first page to the June 17, 2008 minutes. A motion to adopt the minutes as printed and corrected of the June 17, 2008 Council Meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE:

President Crank read a letter from Steve Widmer "Thanking" council members for placing a trash can in front of his residence at a metro stop on Hamilton Avenue.

President Crank reads an email to John Peters coming from Darlene Foley; her parents live on 1564 Adams Road. Prior to the fireworks in 2006 her parents were victims of a robbery. Darlene ran into John Peters and asked if he could put up netting that was used to block a parking lot in the park. John brought over a young man that afternoon and the netting was put up blocking her parent's property. Darlene's family would like to Thank John Peters for his thoughtfulness and action.

President Crank reads a letter dated 6/17/08 from Assumption Church "Thanking" the police, fire, and John Peter's staff for helping with their festival and making everything easier. The city of Mt. Healthy is fortunate to have these professional people working for them. We would also like to "Thank" you for the generous gift of the pool pass.

There is going to be a tour of Rumpke Recycling Facility in St. Bernard. They are inviting Mt. Healthy officials and council members along with North College Hill on August 5, 2008.

There is a teen dance at the Mt. Healthy city pool on Friday, July 25, 2008 from 8-11pm. It's \$3 per person. Ages 13-18.

CITIZENS/SPECIAL GUESTS:

Debbie Conradi would like to introduce a group that she has been trying to come up with for awhile called Network Neighborhood. This group would allow neighbors and residents to come forward and voice their opinions or ideas and have somebody speak to council for them.

Working on getting out a Safety Survey to get a feel for how residents feel about their safety in the neighborhood. Most of questions are yes/no. Have received about 30 survey responses and will present all the details next month.

Angie Buettner addressed council regarding the car wash on Hamilton Avenue that has been for sale and now has several cars on the lot "For Sale". The property maintenance has not been kept up since the business went up for sale.

Kevin Stone addressed council regarding his property on Perry Street that backs up to Speedway on Hamilton Avenue. Since the expansion there has been an increased amount of traffic coming through. On 6/27 his house was broken into before noon. Nobody was hurt. Speedway's back yard is his front yard. There are spotlights all night long. Understands we need the business in Mt. Healthy, but they need to be respectful to the tenants and the people that live near. Speedway finally had the fence put up, but did not close it all the way, so now people are walking further into his property to walk around to the opening of the fence. Mr. Stone is asking for the city's help and assistance in this matter. He is there representing everybody in the area. He had to put up "No Trespassing" signs all over his property. This has become a safety issue.

Mayor Roetting has spoken with Kevin regarding these things. The lighting issue will need to be addressed because there is one person down there that likes the lighting.

Mrs. Moody has spoke with Mr. Kocher about the issues with liter control and the lights.

Mr. Lombardo states to go back and see what was run by the planning commission and see what Speedway agreed to and enforce it.

Mayor Roetting agrees with going back to the planning commission. He has spoken with Mr. Kocher about Speedway a couple of times. We will sit down and go through all the files and see what exactly was agreed upon.

Gary Ron addressed council regarding the circulation of a petition last year concerning the lots north of Paul's Pub. There are four properties there. This comes down to creating a gap which allows for traffic to come through. There is constant traffic that comes through there now. July 3rd at 5:00 in the afternoon two gentlemen pulled into the lot and get out of their car and relieved themselves on the side of the building. His wife had to watch this. This is what he has had to deal with since the property was torn down. It has become a daily problem. Mr. Ron checked with the officers here to find out that there has been four major responses; two breaking and entering on the property; police report on scavenging materials; an abandoned car that took quite a bit of time for the local police to respond. Mr. Ron is seeing the neglect of property and that is an invitation for this sort of thing. None of these things took place before this property was demolished.

Mayor Roetting states it is a long process to go onto somebody's property. We have worked through the process and now we are there. Mayor Roetting apologizes for the things that took

place over the July 3rd weekend. The City is now going on the property and taking care of these things.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Roetting swore in Auxiliary Police Officers William Knight and Pat Kemper.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The **Business, School and Library** committee. Mr. Bittner had an emergency school board meeting; passed some basic paperwork that needed to be done. Very quick meeting. They are planning on some groundbreaking ceremonies coming up for the new elementary schools. First, will be the one on Struble Road. They will be inviting council members to attend.

The **Public Events/Parks**. Mrs. Moody states movie night went really well. The projector and sound was wonderful. There will be another movie night coming up in August. There is talk about having a classic movie night for an adult evening. A lot of wonderful things are happening in the park this summer.

James Wolf announced they would be showing the movie "Cars" on August 15th. At the last movie there were cards filled out with names and addresses. At the end of the night there was a card drawn and that person got to take home the movie. There was a list of people that attended made and can mail them updates. There were over 40 people that attended the first movie. They are going to do a Park Campout, which hasn't been done in years. The plan is to have it August 2nd. \$5 per person includes grill out, breakfast, camping. This will be listed on the website.

The **Safety** committee did not meet. Mrs. Lingo is calling another safety meeting regarding the pit bull issue and look over the ordinances. Still working with Mr. Kocher on putting something together to put in the waste bills. There will be a Safety committee next Tuesday at 7pm.

MAYOR'S REPORTS:

Mayor Roetting announces the Teen Dance on 7/25. You don't have to dance or swim. It is a safe place to hang out for kids 13-18. There is Cincinnati Civic Symphony Orchestra performing Thursday, August 7th. It will be from 6:30-8 and it's free. They will be playing lite summer songs.

Preston Stapleton, the Director of Public Works addresses council. The new waterline project on Adams Road will be starting August 1st. There is approximately 1428 feet, 12inch main going in to supply the new school with water. There now is a 6inch main that was put in 1926 and that is not enough to supply the school with enough water. This goes from 1827 Adams Road to Hamilton Avenue. Traffic will be open, driveways will be open. There will be notices given to everybody on Adams Road. Hoping to get this completed before school starts on August 20th. The will be working west side to east.

Mayor Roetting will be meeting with a new community group. A group of young adults has some concerns and would like to discuss with him.

Next council meeting there will probably be an executive session.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

None.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf would like to remind you of the realtors brunch is coming up. We have put together a lot of nice material. We have seen our first draft of about a 6 minute video of Mt. Healthy. On July 29th is the Realtors brunch. August 2nd Home buyer's education; a nice program for anybody wanting to buy a house. There will be banks, series of speakers on the topic of buying a house. On Sunday, August 3rd The City Wide Open House where anyone that has a house for sale – there will be maps locating where these homes are so people can take a look at these.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

The June month end reports are in your packet. The ordinance we have transferring the general funds to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. Basically this is something we do around this time of year that. These are already budgeted items; we are just moving the money from one fund to another fund.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Ms. Schaefer stated that she balanced with the bank and the auditor's office for the month of June.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **08-972**. A resolution adopting Springfield Township joint economic development district I contract for purposes of public review and comment only. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Cole and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 08-1531. An ordinance to advertise for bids and to approve the lowest responsible bidder for the St. Clair Avenue resurfacing. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Bittner and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Brandy and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 08-1532. An ordinance to transfer funds from the general fund to other funds covering budgeted expenditures. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Crank addressed council with concern about there not being a stop sign when driving out of the pool parking lot. He has witnessed several close calls from people just pulling out and not yielding to traffic or pedestrians. Since the lot is being used more this should be a 4-way stop.

Mayor Roetting has briefly discussed this with Bill and looking at doing this. Sure it is not a problem to put the stop sign in.

Mr. Lombardo addressed council about the parking lot behind the Dairy Bar. This is a public parking lot and this is something that needs to be cleaned up. Mr. Kocher has spoke with Walker Funeral home and would like to jointly figure out a landscaping plan for this lot. The curbs would just need to be anchored; it wouldn't take much to clean this lot up.

Preston Stapleton just wanted to let council know that the house on Hastings Avenue has been removed and has grass growing. The other house on Adams Road has the windows installed and the gutters are up. We are currently getting bids on the kitchen and bathrooms.

Mrs. Cole had a question; there used to be a "One Way" sign on the telephone pole by the library. Now it seems to be a safety issue.

Preston states if there is a sign supposed to be there we will put one back up. There was always one there.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

Closing:

President Crank is asking everyone in the city to be vigilante at all times, to watch where you are, watch your children, watch your houses, have your neighbors watch your houses, have people watch out for you when you are going down the street, look for strange cars, look for strange activity. Keep an eye on each other. Let's take care of each other. We have to do that to fight crime.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Donald Crank, President of Council

Melanie Evenson, Clerk of Council