

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by President Sylvia L. Lawson at 7:00 P.M. The invocation was given by Mrs. Moody and followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Mr. Roetting, Mr. Wolf, and Mrs. Moody.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor Leroy Meier, Treasurer Deborah Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 16 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher said that the Water Works will be upgrading 4 inch water lines in numerous Mt. Healthy streets in 2008. Because we just repaved Kinney, we will ask the Water Works to grind and overlay that street from the center to the curb. The existing 6 inch line that goes down Adams will not be sufficient for the new elementary school, but the Water Works does not have it scheduled for upgrading to a 12 inch main until after the school goes in. Mt. Healthy is working to partner with the school district and Water Works to speed up the project. The arrangement currently under discussion is that the Water Works would provide materials and the city would pay for installation, then be reimbursed by the school district through a tap fee.

We have received the \$52,000 check for St. Clair but it is late enough in the year that we will bid the work out early in the spring instead. There is some resurfacing and restriping from the gas line replacement work on Hamilton coming up but it isn't expected to take very long.

Mr. Kocher plans to have the first cut of the 2008 budget to the Finance Committee before the next meeting and then have a first reading at that Council meeting. Council can then decide whether to pass the budget on the second reading or pass additional temporary budget legislation and pass the budget early in 2008 after three readings.

The Finance Committee scheduled a meeting for 6 P.M. on November 20.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf reminded Council about requirements that elected and appointed officials attend training on Ohio's new public records laws. Several people have talked to the attorney general's

office about this and received different answers about who must attend. Mr. Wolf will seek further clarification. One of these training sessions will be held at UC on November 29.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Claire noted a correction to ordinance 07-1511; one item was listed with an expense line item code that should have had a revenue code.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

CITIZEN INPUT:

Gary and Carla Rahn expressed concern about the state of the properties on Hamilton north of Pauls' Pub, and presented a petition asking the city to enforce applicable zoning and property maintenance codes. Automobiles are making u-turns and driving through these properties, which is dangerous to pedestrians and children. The Rahns thanked Mt. Healthy for the rapid and effective cleanup of the property at Werner and Stevens. Mr. Kocher said that the city began issuing citations in December 2006, is still in the process of discussing these issues with the property owners, and anticipates issuing some orders soon, with deadlines. The entire process will take a while, though.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution **07-961** Resolution Adopting the Proposed 2007 Land Use Map and Comprehensive Plan. This resolution received its third reading. A motion to adopt amendments to the plan as proposed by Mr. Cook was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. An aye vote carried the motion. A motion to adopt the amended plan was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Wolf. A roll call vote carried the motion, 7-0.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance **07-1510** An Ordinance Establishing the Salary of the Law Director of the City of Mt. Healthy This ordinance received its second reading. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0, with Mr. Wolf abstaining. A motion to adopt this ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion, 6-0, with Mr. Wolf abstaining.

Ordinance **07-1514** An Ordinance Adopting the Ohio Fire Code. This ordinance received its second reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moody mentioned a four-family building on Compton across from the auto repair shop that is very unsightly. Mr. Kocher will follow up.

Mr. Steve Wolf said that the Suzanne Farrell tribute went well, as did her visit to Mt. Healthy. He mentioned other well-known Mt. Healthy residents, including Sheldon Reynolds of Earth, Wind, and Fire and Robert Duncanson, whose landscape of Mt Healthy, OH hangs in the Smithsonian. He lived and painted here in part because Mt. Healthy welcomed African Americans in the 1840s, as now.

World Planning Day is happening this Thursday. More than 60 people are signed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Safety Committee moved its meeting from November 20th to the 19th at 6:30.

Council needs to decide whether to meet on New Year's Day.

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 7:49 P.M.

Sylvia L. Lawson, President of Council

Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council