

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2005 at 7:05 P.M.**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:05 P.M. Miss Reusch gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Cook, Mr. Lombardo, Mrs. Lingo, Mr. DeBruler, Miss Reusch, Mr. Roetting, and Mr. Custer.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Auditor Jill Claire, Safety Service Director Bill Kocher, Mayor George Rouse, Treasurer Deb Schaefer, and Law Director Steve Wolf.

MINUTES:

President Lawson corrected the name to Lynn Jones on page 2, 2nd paragraph. A motion to adopt the minutes as corrected was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: None

SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kocher announced that Angie Buettner accepted the job on the Board of Zoning Appeals. All the department heads are working on their budgets and they are due back to Mr. Kocher by October 28th. Mr. Kocher is working with Ms. Claire on the forecast for next year's budget and their goal is to have the budget ready in January 2006.

Mr. Kocher received the information for the next 3 year period of the Community Development Block Grant. There are 2 things that need to take place before the November 4th dead line. The first is 2 public hearings and Mr. Kocher spoke with Heidi Fallon and she will publish the information in the paper. The first public hearing is prior to the October 18th Council Meeting at 7:00 P.M. This is to bring people in to hear some of the proposed ideas. The second hearing is to finalize the ideas and is scheduled for October 26th at 5:00 P.M., this is more of a formality. There are 2 projects to be considered. The first project is the audible traffic signals at some of the intersections in town. The second project will be the second phase for the park.

Mr. Kocher stated that the PERS rate for employees will increase from 8 1/2% to 9% for next year. Also, the employer's rate will increase from 13.55% to 13.7%. This is the first step of 3 steps, because the rate goes up to 10% over the next 3 years.

The City is starting to work again on the parking lot around the pool house. Fill dirt has been brought in, but rain has delayed the project. The four pavilion areas are completed, so fill dirt will be brought in and grass seed will be planted.

Next week the resurfacing of the alleys in town will start. The work will start around the Gold Star area and will work on the east west alleys. They will blacktop as much as the \$30,000 left will allow. There will be no grinding just an overlay.

The City is going to go out to bid for the Elizabeth Street phase 2. The gas company is working and they are almost to Compton, so the City can now go out to bid. Probably will not see any work until after January 1st. The water line will be the first work started and then the contractor will start on Elizabeth between Compton and Adams.

LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Wolf said that the County Prosecutor will handle everything concerning sex offenders effective November 15th. The City will receive notices from the County Prosecutor. Mr. Roetting asked where you could find the definition of sex offenders, sexual predators, and what are the difference and the age limits. Mr. Wolf stated that the Prosecutor's office would be the best place to find that information and there are also web sites available. Mr. Kocher, stated that the police department receive their information about sexual predators from the sheriff department.

AUDITOR'S REPORT:

Ms Claire stated that there were 4 policy manuals still out and she needs them returned. Council will need to vote on the motion for the Fixed Asset Policy. Also, the September month end report will be available at the next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: None

A motion to adopt a Fixed Asset Policy was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Lombardo. Mr. Cook asked if this was what other cities were doing and Ms. Claire replied that this was a sample provided by the State Auditors. JMA also reviewed the policy. An aye vote carried the motion.

ORDINANCES: None

RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION NO 05-945 A Resolution Authorizing Support of State Issue 1 and Declaring an Emergency. A motion to suspend the Three Reading Rule was made by Mr. Custer and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7 – 0. A motion to adopt this resolution was made by Mr. DeBruler and seconded by Mr. Cook. A roll call vote carried the motion 7 – 0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ms. Lingo asked if Mr. Kocher received answers to his questions concerning the alley vacation. Mr. Kocher stated that Mr. Abbott's survey was not complete, and needed a better legal description. It is now up to Mr. Abbott to further pursue the alley vacation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Wolf stated that he saw in a Right to Life newsletter to vote no on Issue 1. Mr. Wolf said that the Third Frontier (high technology, stem cell research) has been added to the Issue.

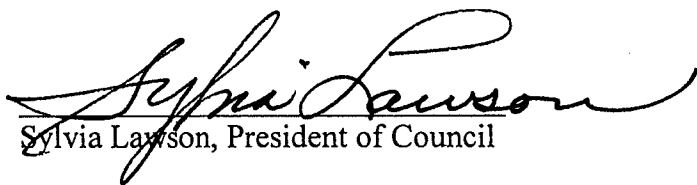
Mr. Kocher stated that the Issue is for \$2 billion, with 1.35 billion for roads, 500 million for the research and development and 150 million for Ohio jobs. The resolution Council passed is very important for the City and the legislation is not for new taxes but a renewal.


President Lawson announced that there is a tax levy meeting following the Council Meeting.

Mr. Wolf brought up the date and time to observe Halloween. Mr. Kocher stated it would be Monday, October 31st from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Custer and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 P.M


Sylvia Lawson, President of Council


~~Deborah Schaefer, Acting Clerk of Council~~
Margaret Raulier