

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by President Sylvia Lawson at 7:00 P.M. The invocation was given by Mr. Custer and 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, and Mayor George Rouse.

**MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the August 16 Council meeting as printed was made by Mr. Cook and seconded by Mr. DeBruler. An aye vote carried the motion. A motion to adopt the minutes of the August 18 special Council meeting as printed was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Cook. An aye vote carried the motion.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

President Lawson reminded Council about the American Heroes Day Parade on Sunday, September 11. Meet at 1:30 at Hamilton and Hastings and bring a chair.

President Lawson noted receipt of a communication from Waycross Community Media, and of a letter from Time Warner Cable stating that the annual notification to subscribers was included in the August bill. Any questions should be directed to Pamela McDonald, Vice President of Public Affairs.

**CITIZENS/GUESTS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:**

**Coleen Flugeman** of 1926 Stevens Ave. addressed Council about **traffic violations on Stevens**. Ms. Flugeman is working with WIN-OP and passed out a sheet about this nonprofit organization. She also introduced Peter Stevens, another resident of Stevens also involved with WIN-OP, Mike Ruhl, a community organizer with WIN-OP who also works in College Hill, and Angie Buettner with WIN-OP. Ms. Flugeman said that WIN has surveyed Stevens residents and all 16 of the surveys received list speeding on Stevens as a concern. There are 13 kids under the age of 16 living on Stevens between Park and Maple and speeding cars present a significant hazard to their safety. Mrs. Lingo agreed that the speeding on Stevens is terrible. Mr. Stevens added that it mostly occurs between 4 and 7 or 8 P.M. Mr. Custer asked whether the Mt. Healthy police still have an extra part time officer running radar as necessary. They do. Mr. DeBruler said that the cars are not the only problem—kids on bikes often fail to stop at the stop sign and this will likely get them hurt.

Other concerns cited on these surveys include lack of curfew enforcement (5/16 surveys), break-ins (4/16), and traffic violations (12/16), as well as loitering, drug dealing, parking, and vandalism. Mr. Roetting asked whether the residents citing these concerns had actually seen these things happen. Several people listed break-ins that had occurred on or near Stevens recently. Mr. Lombardo asked where on Stevens loitering and drug dealing are occurring. Ms. Flugeman did not know.

Ms. Flugeman gave the surveys to Mr. Kocher and asked what Stevens residents can do to help stop this problem. Mr. Kocher said that he will talk to Chief Schaefer and asked Ms. Flugeman to leave him a phone number so that he can follow up with her.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** None.

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Kocher said that the CIC will meet September 20 (before the next Council meeting) at 6 P.M. Mr. Roetting mentioned that the state would like to see the CIC have regular meetings; quarterly would be fine for this purpose.

Mr. Kocher has been researching what Mt. Healthy can do to help out with the hurricane. He has identified Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash as an organization that already has systems in place to get donated goods where they need to go, and they are approved by FEMA. Mt. Healthy will act as a collection point for goods to be donated through Matthew 25. See Mt. Healthy's web site for details.

**LAW DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** None.

**AUDITOR'S REPORT:**

The August month end report will be in the next Council packet. Ms. Claire is working on a resolution to make some changes to the capital assets threshold resolution that Council passed earlier. The 2004 gap report is still in progress. When it is finished, the outside auditor can complete their audit for 2003/2004.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** None.

**ORDINANCES and RESOLUTIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Rouse said that there are nine serving military banners up and one still in the shop. The Welcome to Mt. Healthy flag banners will go up tomorrow. People are starting to come forward to sponsor more banners. We have money for four more, but need to identify names for them. If you want to submit a name or sponsor a banner, there are sheets in City Hall. Mr. Lombardo said that he has received lots of good feedback about these banners and asked whether we need to install more lampposts for them. Mr. Kocher assured him that we will find places for them.

Mr. Cook asked about the status of the property at 7400 Elizabeth St. Mr. Kocher said that the closing has still not been held but that the contractor assures us he will move quickly once the closing is over with.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Safety Committee scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Cook asked whether we schedule a certain number of hours per month of the property maintenance inspector's time. We do not; his inspections are mainly in response to requests or citizen complaints. He does do periodic walk-arounds, keeping the limited budget in mind. Mr. Cook asked about how many hours per month he is funded for. Mr. Kocher said that we have budgeted \$41,000 this year. Inspections will slow down now that summer is over and grass

cutting will not be such a big issue. Mr. Kocher will take a look at this as they work through the budget for next year.

Mr. Roetting reminded everyone that the tax levy vote is coming up again in November and said that we need to start thinking about that and spread the word.

Mr. Custer said that he is concerned that Springfield Township emergency vehicles, both police and EMS, are going through Mt. Healthy dangerously fast. He knows that they have a large area to cover with limited resources, but endangering people in the process of helping others is not a good trade off. We should be as diplomatic as possible in raising this issue. Mt. Healthy police have clocked Springfield Twp. Police at more than 100 mph on Hamilton Avenue. Mr. Kocher will talk to Chief Schaefer about this. Mt. Healthy emergency vehicles do slow down for intersections. They have a much smaller area to cover.

Mr. Custer asked what the Streets and Utilities committee needs to do about the alley vacation. Mr. Kocher said that Mr. Custer should follow up with Mr. Wolf when he gets back in town.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 P.M.

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Sylvia Lawson, President of Council

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Margaret Roulier, Clerk of Council