

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

March 16, 2021

The council meeting was called to order by President of Council Ross Bittner. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

This meeting was live streamed on ICRC.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa, Ms. Scheets

Absent and Excused: Mr. George

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion. Members excused.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher, Finance Director Scott Bauer

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted for the March 2, 2021 meeting was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mrs. Crank sent a "Thank You" card for flowers sent to former President of Council, Don Cranks memorial. Mr. Crank will be missed.

Mr. Bittner read a letter from Mt. Healthy resident, Karen Arnett. Regarding the vacant lot at 7405 Hickman Street. The adjacent residents of the vacant property propose that should the city acquire the lot, the residents be allowed to split the lot between the two properties. This will allow them to preserve the quality of life that they have enjoyed on Hickman Street.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Jennifer Moody:

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting through Zoom

- Little Dutch, installed cameras and has been beneficial. He is working with the Police Department relaying what is going on around the area.
- The opening over the weekend at Fibonacci was a success. The fire pits and lights are a great addition. Business is opened in a safe manner.
- Members are planning to attend the work session to discuss parking in the business district.

Alliance:

- March 27 have a drive thru easter egg hunt at the Methodist church from 11-12:30
- Looking for spring cleaning items and personal care items
- Perkins dine to donate program on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.
- Sweetheart Café supports the Alliance the 3rd week of the month with 10% of sales.
- Kroger's card code for the Alliance has changed.
- You can select the Alliance on Amazon as a charity of choice.

Square Mile Coffee has started a Logo that will be put on merchandise "Townie" Mt. Healthy, Ohio

Beautification Committee: Jennifer Moody:

- Looking to purchase a large new statement pot for the CVS corner area.
- Landtech is going to hold plants for us to look at for the City.
- Looking to put something new at the four corners of Hamilton and Compton, maybe hanging baskets.
- Contacting businesses to see who would like a pot in front of their business to take care of this summer.

Library – Kisha Dosa

- The library is now open. Taking all COVID precautions needed to stay open to the public.

Urban Tree – Denise Lingo

- Bringing this up to see what council thought about planting trees on the easements versus planting them in residents' yards.
Would like to look at on a case-by-case basis. Depends on the street and yard.

Wethrive–Cindy Scheets

Attended a zoom meeting.

- Discussed Fibonacci farmer's market starts on May 2nd.
Be sure to let people know they can use their EBT cards, and they double when using at the market.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

There will be movies in the park this summer. There will not be Bingo this summer. The attendance of the last several years has been down. The City will be doing something to celebrate Little Dutch's 100 years in Mt. Healthy. Looking at doing something on the July 3rd event if it works for them.

Giving a heads up for a discussion at the next council meeting regarding boards and commissions. Mayor will ask for council approval for two members reappointment to the Planning Commission of Kim Cremeans and Don Herring

The Mt. Healthy Schools are looking at doing free Wi-Fi for the entire school district. This is very early stages of planning. There is an opportunity to get a grant and make all of Mt. Healthy school district a smart city, which would make free wi-fi in every area of the district, homes, and public spaces. More details will follow as they come.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher*

There will just need to be a motion for the Planning Commission member appointments.

Seward, Perry, and Werner traffic signal removal will have signs placed announcing the plan to remove on or around May 1st. We will also put the announcement on our website. The intersection studies did not warrant a traffic signal at these intersections.

The Community Room will be open for reservations starting April 1st.

Council meetings will open to public on April 6th.

Community Development Grant we are awarded on a 3 year cycle. We received \$115,000 with \$50,000 Business District Façade Grant and \$65,000 for Business District Steetscaping

Part-time Firefighter contract process has started. The rough draft is going back and forth through emails and will be meeting shortly. The current contract expires March 31st. All changes will be retro back to April 1st.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: *Scott Bauer*

February month end reports are in the packets.

CIC meeting will be after the next council meeting. We will meet briefly before the work session begins.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 21-1159: A second reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager of Mt. Healthy to execute contracts as required to lease EMS equipment. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Resolution 21-1159 was adopted.

Resolution 21-1159: ⁶⁰ A first reading of resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Mt. Healthy to sign contracts and agreements to sell city owned real property to the Mt. Healthy Community Improvement Corporation.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 21-1941: A second reading of an ordinance establishing a certain rate of pay for the Full Time Police Clerk and retro back to employees start date. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance 21-1941 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1942: A first reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of litter, rubbish and garbage and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two-reading rule was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. Ordinance 21-1942 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1943: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0021-00)

Ordinance 21-1944: A first reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign contracts to purchase real property (Hamilton County Auditor Parcel Number 593-0007-0096-00)

OLD BUSINESS:

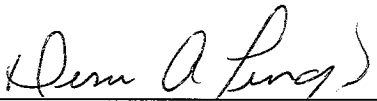
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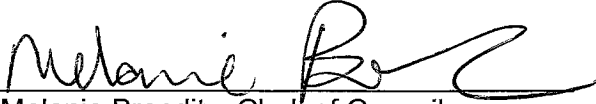
NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.


~~President of Council Ross Bittner~~ PRO-TEMPORE Denise Lingo


Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council



Date: March 11, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Colonel Vincent L. Demasi, Police Chief

Subject: Mt. Healthy Police Department February 2021 Council Report

Crime Trends

Month to Month February:	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Homicide	0	0	0	0	0
Forcible Rape	0	0	0	1	0
Robbery	0	0	1	0	0
Aggravated Assault	7	10	12	18	5
Burglary	8	3	3	5	3
Larceny-Theft	7	14	8	11	8
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	3	0	1	1
Arson	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	30	24	36	17
Incidents/CFS	945	1024	825	884	559
Auto Accidents	24	22	24	15	25
Traffic Enforcement	75	108	93	129	193
Domestic Disputes	14	14	25	21	15

Crime Trends

February marked the lowest number of total police incidents recorded during the last four years. I am sure the snow contributed to the low number of calls for service. A Snow Emergency was declared on February 15, 2021, at 9:00 AM, continuing through Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Despite our attempts to have owners move cars from the Snow Emergency route, several had to be towed.

On February 21, 2021, at 2:25 AM, Mount Healthy Police were called to an auto accident at 1803 Adams Road. Upon arrival, officers found Cherese Adrine, of Colerain Township, lying in the street suffering from various injuries. Ms. Adrine was transported to University of Cincinnati Medical Center where she died shortly thereafter. We were able to determine Ms. Adrine exited a vehicle and was walking in the street when she was struck. The driver of the striking vehicle remained on scene and was not charged.

We are investigating several fraud cases, one of note involving a victim who was contacted by an individual claiming to be a Police Officer John Davis in Texas. The victim was told a vehicle was rented in the victim's name and involved in a vehicle crash where drugs were found inside the vehicle.

The victim was told a fee needed to be paid to clear the victim of responsibility in the amount of \$8000.00. The victim was told to withdraw the funds from the bank and load the money onto gift cards and then transfer the gift card number to an alleged Social Security Clerk named Eric Foster. The victim was given a phone number to call to speak with Foster. The transfer of money by gift card occurred and shortly thereafter the victim contacted our Department reporting the incident.

Police will NEVER ask for payment in the form of gift cards. In fact, if anyone calls you and asks for payment in the form of sending a gift card number, you should immediately hang-up the phone and call the police. These folks can be very convincing, and they have been known to use Social Media Accounts to learn the name of family members and grandchildren that they then use to convince you a family member is in distress.

These are very difficult crimes to successfully prosecute, and the chance of you ever recovering your money is very low. We also have several fraudulent unemployment claims reported.

Sergeant Fath Completed Advanced Supervisory Training

Congratulations to Sergeant Alan Fath who graduated from the advanced supervisor training hosted by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police. The Supervisor Training and Education Program (STEP) consisted of several weeks of study encompassing twenty-one-modules including: leadership, risk management, ensuring an ethical environment, conflict management, leading and managing patrol operations, developing subordinates, and critical incident management.

All Department members participated in, and completed, on-line de-escalation and when to intervene training.

Domestic Violence Emergency Response Team (DVERT)

In cooperation with Women Helping Women, we now have civilian advocates that will respond and follow-up in all intimate partner Domestic Violence Offenses. DVERT members will be called anytime officers make arrests for incidents involving domestic partners. DVERT advocates will assist with transportation, housing, victim advocacy, and support for domestic violence victims.