

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 21, 2021

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President of Council Ross Bittner. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Roetting

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion. Absent member was excused.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to table the minutes until we can accurately reflect the discussion regarding the purchase of an ambulance at the September 7th council meeting was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were tabled until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Jennifer Moody.

Attended a meeting.

- Kim asked businesses for any news that would like to have posted to their website. They are working hard to keep the website current.
- Membership committee is going to start working on securing memberships from current businesses.
- A new member attended the meeting. Concerned why there are no signs for where the parking lots are located.

Mr. Kocher updated that the signs have been ordered.

- Superintendent Hawkins and Business Manager Gary Croley were there from Mt. Healthy School District. They discussed the board office renovations. They are looking at having a community gym, exercise room, laundry mat, and other availability to the community.
 - Discussed the Wi-Fi capabilities. The hope is to have Wi-Fi by end of December.
 - Looking to have more electives for high school students. Started a culinary program, sign language, fiber arts, and looking at adding more in the future.
- Historical Society attended meeting. They will be having an Open House from 2p-4p on October 9th.
- There were many questions about Christmas in Mt. Healthy.

Mrs. Lingo said there has been a committee formed and have met 1 time so far. It will be on a smaller scale compared to years past. Looking at December 11th for the date.

Alliance:

- The Alliance is looking for a contact for Clovernook Apartments. They would like to reach out to them.

Beautification: Jennifer Moody

Would like to Thank everybody who helped water the plants this summer. The help is greatly appreciated. We are continuing to water the plants. There were not as many pots put out as we hoped for. Next year maybe we can do a little more. Public Works does an outstanding job.

Finance: Bob Parsons

- Committee met this evening before this meeting. Reviewed August financial statements. Looks to be in good shape as of August.

Schools: Cordel George

- Mt. Healthy Homecoming is next week. There will be a parade.

Urban Tree: Denise Lingo

- Taking Root is providing a limited number of free trees to Mt. Healthy and North College Hill residents.
- Go to Tree for Me (www.oki.org/tree-for-me) to reserve your tree.
- Trees are supplied by Natorp's in 5-gallon containers.
- Residents must pick up trees on Saturday, November 6, 2021, between 10:00a-12:00p at Mt. Healthy Park.

Trees Available: Eastern Redbud, Swamp White Oak, Dawn Redwood, 'Royal Raindrops' Crabapple, Blackgum, Fall Fiesta Sugar Maple

Wethrive – Cindy Scheets

Meeting was August 24th at Fibonacci, good attendance:

- Discussed Clovernook Apartments
- Looking at bags to be used at the farmer's market
- Possible public arts project
- Pop up food banks
- Getting more voices to the table
- Next Tuesday they will meet again

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Last farmer's market of the year at Fibonacci will be Sunday, October 3rd, from 11:00a-2:00p

Mayor, Mr. Kocher, Chief Demasi will be meeting with superintendent tomorrow to discuss strategies moving forward and how to respond to some of the issues between the city and school district.

Superintendent Hawkins has created a new position, Major Fund Raising. This position will reach out to major corporations and foundations in ways that this has not been done before. The school has always had a grants person, now this new position will focus on donations.

The culinary department at the school is looking to connect with Kim Cremeans because they are looking to create an internship program with the local restaurants. Great opportunity for job training.

Mt. Healthy schools will be closed on October 11th through October 22nd. Having staffing issues. Right now, the logistics are challenging. Getting the supplies to the school has been difficult.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Police Chief Demasi will be at the next council meeting to update on the curfew at Clovernook Apartments. It expires on October 5th. Looking to extend the curfew. Plan to see an ordinance at the next meeting.

Clovernook Apartments update:

- Looking at 4 different security companies to get quotes. Need to be sure they can properly staff the property.
- License plate readers, contracts have been signed to purchase, in final stages having work completed.
- Parking enforcement, parking stickers have been ordered, towing company has been engaged, setting up parking procedures for residents.

Street priorities spreadsheet updated from the last meeting. Good news is we applied for funds back in the summer from Metro Bus Capital Project and it looks like they are going to fund Compton Road, which is our number one priority. This will not be part of the OPWC. We will discuss further with finance. So, we will need to update the sheet.

- Move the #2 priority up to #1
- Would like input on what you would like to be our 2nd priority
- There is a 1st reading tonight on the OPWC project
- Going to update the spreadsheet, at our next meeting we can identify the #2 priority

A full-time police officer position will be coming available. We will put on another test Wednesday October 20th at the community room. This will be advertised.

Put a request in with ICRC to get better accessibility for folks who would like to speak to council. We are getting a wireless microphone. This will allow us to hand somebody a microphone if they can't stand at the podium.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

August month end reports are in the packets.

Have bond paperwork that need signatures tonight. There has been one change to the bond. They quoted 1.8, but it will be 2.3%. They quoted a nontaxable rate instead of a taxable rate. This was a technicality on their side. Far less than the competitor's quote.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 21-1172: A second reading of resolution authorizing the city manager to sign and accept the memorandum of understanding between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council regarding changes to the current collective bargaining agreement covering police sergeants. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 21-1172 was adopted

Resolution 21-1173: A second reading of resolution authorizing the city manager to sign and accept the memorandum of understanding between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council regarding changes to the current collective bargaining agreement covering full time police officers. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Resolution 21-1173 was adopted

Resolution 21-1175: A first reading of resolution authorizing the city manager of the City of Mt. Healthy to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program(s) and to execute contracts as required.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 21-1965: A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of litter, rubbish and garbage and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Ms. Scheets. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. George and seconded by Ms. Scheets. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 21-1965 was adopted.

Ordinance 21-1966: A first reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to suspend the two reading rule was made by Ms. Scheets and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 21-1966 was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Scheets attended meeting with Hamilton County Municipal League, Hamilton County Townships Association, and Hamilton County First Suburbs. Very interesting meeting. There were 9 representatives from the Southwest region of Ohio.

Three Topics discussed:

1. Legislative and congressional redistricting
2. 2022 State of Ohio capital budget
3. How to use ARP money

The CEO of Port Authority did a 10-minute presentation. Would like to have them come to talk to council members. They are concerned about a trend going on with companies purchasing homes then turning around and renting them for a lot of money. Mt. Healthy has 62 homes in this setting.

Hamilton County Municipal League will have a meeting December 2nd.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council