

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

May 19, 2020

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

This meeting was live streamed on ICRC.

We would like to take a moment to mention a few people that have recently passed away

- Janet Michael passed away May 1st, wife of Mt. Healthy Police Officer Nick Michael
- MariAnn Cutter passed away May 16th, sister of Gregg Cutter
- Kathy Lemmerman passed away May 5th, longtime Mt. Healthy resident

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. George

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Bill Kocher

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed for the April 28, 2020 meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from The Mt. Healthy Fire Department:

On behalf of AFSCME, Mt. Healthy Firefighters would like to Thank Mr. Bob Parsons for his generosity of purchasing lunch and/or dinner for the department during the week of May 4th thru May 9th. The firefighters enjoyed the meals and Mr. Parson's thoughtfulness. This is a great gesture to support city employees and Mt. Healthy businesses. Thank you very much!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen;

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting through Zoom

- A new business owner attended, Dominique from Naturally Beat Feet Nails on Compton Road
- Discussed various financial programs that are available
- Kim Cremeans will be contacting business owners to see how they are doing and handling business during the COVID-19
- Fibonacci will have the first Farmer's Market on June 7th.

Beautification: – Jennifer Moody

- Picked out plants from Landtech and they are ready to be picked up
- Going to get with Gregg to get pots out from shed and put in front of businesses
- Thanks to Janet Curley for getting the pots planted in front of her business and the alley next to her building
- Planting should begin in the next week

Finance – Bob Parsons

- Keep an eye on expenses through the summer – only essentials to be purchased at this time
- Watch for tax revenue drops
- There will be a delay for the 2nd half property tax payment

Urban Tree – Denise Lingo

- All the street trees got mulched and pruned as needed the past few weeks – they were able to use the wood chips from the storm cleanup
- Hoping to do another tree planting in the fall
- Duke came through doing a tree trim. She learned they did a better job when there was somebody from the City monitoring them. This pruning happens on a five-year cycle. They noted to contact somebody from the Tree Commission before doing the pruning in the future
- Volcano mulching around the base of trees is not good for them. The mulch should be kept away from the trunk and only about 3-4 inches

WeThrive – Jennifer Moody

- There have not been any meetings
- Attended the Tikkun Farm Board meeting. The Interact for Health grant is in the last year of funding. The funds are in account and stated for the WeThrive committee. Reached out to the Alliance to help with craft packets to continue for kids during the summer months. Looking to reach out in the community for any initiatives that fall under the Interact for Health let us know
- You will be able to use your Produce perks at the Farmer's Market starting in June. This initiative was able to be funded through the Interact for Health grant to get the equipment needed to use the EBT/Produce Perk cards, so people have the advantage to come and get fresh produce and food items

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

There is no funding for City street projects for this session. (SCIP Funds). It seems there is no plan for a capital bill this year. This is disappointing. Mr. Wolf will continue to reach out to State reps to push for funding.

Had a conference call with Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce. This was a call with Mayors and Trustees from numerous counties. The one good thing to come from this conversation was the next round of stimulus money has language to reimburse local governments and municipalities for lost revenues at 100%. This has not passed. We don't want to bank on this. Need to continue to be conservative with our spending.

Alex Grenfell is a scout at Assumption and goes to Northwest High School. He is working on his Eagle Scout and needs a project. A few years back there was a scout from the same troop that put rain gutters on the gazebo at Wetlands along with some other improvements. He would like to continue this project with some cleaning/repairs and replacement of benches, grills, and tables at the Wetlands. Would like him to work with Gregg. This could be a great summer project.

Mr. Wolf did a Proclamation for the Mt. Healthy Class of 2020 since they missed out on much of their senior year. Told the students it would be read at our council meeting so it would be on historic record. The proclamation was already given to the school so it could be available at graduation diploma pickup

*Office of the Mayor
City of Mt. Healthy
Proclamation Class of 2020*

- Whereas:* The Class of 2020 spent 12 years working towards their high school diplomas; and
- Whereas:* President Trump, Governor DeWine, and Mayor Wolf declared States of Emergencies due to the Covid-19 virus; and
- Whereas:* The 2019-2020 school year was cut short due to the pandemic; and
- Whereas:* The Class of 2020 sacrificed their Prom, Graduation Ceremony, and countless other Senior activities for the health and safety of the community; and
- Whereas:* The Class of 2020 deserves to be recognized for their hard work and accomplishments; and
- Whereas:* The Mount Healthy community wishes to express its pride in the Class of 2020.
- Now Therefore:* I, James Wolf of the City of Mt. Healthy do hereby recognize May 22, 2020 as:
"Class of 2020 Day"
in the City of Mt. Healthy, and commend its observance to all citizens.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

ICRC is willing to do an informative video discussing Fire Department Levy. Looking for volunteers to be videotaped, ICRC will come in to record during the day.

Mayor's court has been doing teleconference court. Mr. Temming is pleased with how the turnout. Going to continue the tele-court through June.

teleconference

City Hall will open back up completely beginning June 1st.

The pool will not be opening this year. All park events were cancelled for the month of June. During the June 16th council meeting we will need to decide if we will have July 4th fireworks.

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There will not be a Memorial Day Parade this year. There will still be the 21-gun salute on May 25th between 11:45-12:00pm.

The Small Business Relief Program will provide Hamilton County small businesses with some monetary relief from business interruption costs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible small businesses were able to apply for \$2,500, \$5,000, or \$10,000 in Grant Funds to be used for the reimbursement of certain Eligible Expenses, as defined below. Hamilton County will be utilizing \$5 million of its CARES Act allotment for the first round of assistance. The application is due May 27th. They will use lottery to allocate funding.

Safer Grant application for the Fire Department is due May 26th. We will have our application turned in for this.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 20-1145: A first reading of resolution adopting a tax budget for 2021.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 20-1909: A first reading of an ordinance to amend section 95.64 of The Mt. Healthy Municipal Code of Ordinances to include an administration fee in addition to the cost for the removal of high grass, weeds and litter. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Parsons. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

Ordinance 20-1910: A first reading of an ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to waive the two reading rule was made by Mrs. Lingo 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concern regarding Walker Funeral Home having large funerals during COVID19.

- A funeral on Friday, May 15th was attended by at least 200 people.
- One of the largest funerals to be seen at their funeral home.
- There was no social distancing
- More of a “party scene” with people parked all along St. Clair eating/drinking as they go to their cars – Food containers were left up and down the street. No garbage cans were put out by Walker Funeral Home
- Police Department was aware of the funeral as it was a known gang member
 - Mr. Kocher was not aware of the situation and will be following up on this

Summer Session:

Mr. Parsons made a motion to move into summer session being the 3rd Tuesday of June, July, and August. Mr. Roetting seconded the motion. An aye vote carried the motion and we will begin summer session in June.

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 8:05 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council