MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 2, 2018

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

Mayor Wolf swore in the newly elected officials:

Mrs. Lingo Mrs. Moody Mr. Parsons Mrs. Dosa

Mr. Ross Bittner, President of Council

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Roetting

Mrs. Dosa made a motion and was seconded by Mrs. Moody to excuse the absent member. All in favor *motion carried*.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections made from the December 19, 2017 meeting was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Todd Oehler is here this evening to present a plaque to the Mt. Healthy Fire Department. They saved his life on February 5, 2017 after he suffered a major heart attack. Very grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Mark Walker from AFTR (Awesome Fathers Taking Roles). This is a non-profit for dads who have kids with special needs. He will be receiving a grant and would like to host a "Dance with my Daddy" event at our city park. The event will include live bands and BBQ from Pit-to-Plate and Goodies. One of the things necessary to receive this grant is to have a committee to help organize the event. He will also need volunteers

for the event. There has not been a date scheduled yet. For more information you can email Mr. Walker at info@dancewithmydaddy.com

PUBLIC INPUT:

Casey Childress:

Works for an animal rescue organization and went to check on the dogs at 7345 Forest Avenue. All the dogs were in the storage shed when he was there.

MaKayla Walker.

Would just like to say that it is unfair treatment of this young man regarding his dogs. Has seen him feed his dogs, walk the dogs, play with the dogs. She rents from the owner of the dogs. The owner of the dogs is doing nothing wrong. The dogs are being cared for. She would turn him in herself if she saw the dogs being mistreated. Her dog plays with the dogs.

Cynthia Carpenter.

Owner of the dogs on Forest Avenue. All these people that are coming by and walking around her yard just come knock on the door. We see you walking around. You all are welcome to come to her house and see the dogs. She would turn her husband in if he were mistreating the dogs. We take care of the dogs. They eat better than she does at times.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

SPCA Cincinnati put out a release statement regarding the dogs on Forest Avenue.

On December 29, 2017 the dog warden gained access to the residence with a qualified and licensed professional Veterinarian. They investigated and analyzed the identifiable allocations associated with a questioned Mt. Healthy resident.

The dog warden reported, "No violations of the Ohio Revised Code were observed by myself or by an independent veterinarian at 7345 Forest Avenue in the City of Mt. Healthy. We will continue to work with the owner to unsure the animals' safety. The SPCA Cincinnati acknowledges and respects the concerns of our community, vigilant neighbors as well as all pet owners."

There will be a first reading of an ordinance addressing extreme weather for pets.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Would like to remind council members to start using their city email addresses. If you are having any problems Moriah can help you get set up just give her a call.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 17-1842 A second reading of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an agreement between the City of Mt. Healthy and the Mt. Healthy part time firefighters, AFSCME, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Moody and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. A roll call vote carried the motion 5-1.

Ordinance 18-1844 A first reading of ordinance amending Chapter 95.07 "Keeping of Animals" of the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances and declaring an emergency.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Would like to welcome back Mrs. George

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. George. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

President of Council Ross Bittner

Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council

CITY OF MT. HEALTHY COUNCIL WORK SESSION January 2, 2018

Meeting: 7:50-8:40pm

Discussion: Mutual Aid, Memo received from Springfield Township and Colerain

Township:

TO:

Bill Kocher, City Manager, City of Mt. Healthy

Sheryl Long, City Administrator, City of North College Hill

FROM:

Michael Hinnenkamp, Township Administrator, Springfield Township

Daniel Meloy, Township Administrator, Colerain Township

RE:

Mutual Aid

DATE:

December 6, 2017

Background:

Since July 2017, representatives from the above mentioned jurisdictions have met on four different occasions to discuss concerns regarding Fire and EMS staffing and the growing disparity regarding mutual aid runs that is occurring between the jurisdictions. Mutual Aid Response Data was evaluated during different time periods in 2017 which indicated that Springfield Township relied upon mutual aid 1% of the time of its total EMS call volume, Colerain Township 3% of its total EMS call volume, North College Hill 11% of its total EMS call volume and Mt. Healthy 21% of its total EMS call volume. The Cities of North College Hill and Mt. Healthy discussed actions that they were planning to take in order to increase staffing to address the concerns in their community and to address the disparity in mutual aid responses given vs received.

This memo is written to articulate the action steps to be taken by Colerain and Springfield Township to address the mutual aid disparity impacting their jurisdictions.

Actions Steps:

- Springfield Township and Colerain Township will not be available to provide fire
 and EMS mutual aid when 50% of their resources (personnel and equipment) are
 depleted. Any exception to this rule will be at the discretion of a Chief Officer.
- 2. Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association President, Robert Leininger will facilitate discussions aimed at revising the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association Mutual Aid Agreement to allow fire departments (at their discretion) to charge other fire departments for their mutual aid responses when certain ratios (mutual aid given vs. received) have been breached.
- 3. A proposal for mutual aid charges will be developed by March 1, 2018. The proposal will provide a clear explanation of when a fire department can charge for mutual aid, the fee for service, billing procedures and expectation for payment.

Mr. Kocher presented the memo along with a complete packet and would like council to review and be ready to come back for more discussion on the topic at the next work session on February 6th.

Need to staff 4-5 employees in order to address the other communities issue with doing mutual aid.

Need to come to a decision together.

Bottom line is there is more money needed.