

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 18, 2018

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.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: None.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with changes for the September 4, 2018 meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

Police Chief Vince Demasi introduced two new part-time police officers. Mayor Wolf sworn in:

- Kaitlyn Lynch
- Raymond Seehousen

Welcome to Mt. Healthy!

Chief Demasi also recognized two of our police officers; Officer Alan Fath and Detective Chris Jones. They will receive an award for their investigation of the May 20, 2018, rape and kidnapping offense resulting in the arrest of Adrian Hucherson. Officer Fath received his award this evening. Detective Jones will receive his at the next council meeting. They did an excellent job on this case.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Karen Arnett:

Renaissance Project is working with Mt. Healthy Business Association to pass out flyers at the soccer games in the park. It lists the local restaurants in Mt. Healthy.

Distributing a community survey. There is a box to put the survey in at Little Dutch Bakery and Hilltop Glass. We are looking at other ways to distribute them. Let Karen know if you have any events ~~that~~ you would be able to get these passed out.

WHERE

Mary Lou Hilvers:

Mrs. Hilvers is here this evening to discuss a very aggressive pit bull. The back yard comes up to her front yard. The pit bull lives on Adams and Mrs. Hilvers lives on Rambler. On 8/21/18 the dog came charging at her friend while bringing in her garbage can. Thomas Lee owns the house where the dog lives, renters live in the house with the dog. She called the police regarding this incident. Has seen them trying to breed the dog in the middle of the day. Did not have a good experience with our police department regarding this incident.

Mr. Wolf gave her the SPCA phone number. Told her to call the police for each incident so there is a log of issues with this pit bull.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen:

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting.

- Discussed the Urban Fast Forward Report. Would still like to be kept in the loop once the final report is presented and would still like to be involved
- Celebrate Mt. Healthy was cancelled and rescheduled for October 13th
- Discussed ways of keeping the trash cleaned up in the City. Going to ask other businesses to try to help out with keeping the store fronts clean
- MHBA did vote and put the money up for the Renaissance Project flyers to be printed
- Celebrated 25 years in business for two Mt. Healthy businesses. Letter Perfect Embroidery and State Farm Insurance.

Mt. Healthy Alliance served 492 families in August.

Park – Denise Lingo

“Big Thanks” to Ray and Moriah for the summer’s concert series. It was a great summer season.

Safety/Streets – Joe Roetting

- There are several lantern lights burned out in the business corridor
- 1440 Kinney has overgrown bushes that are growing over the sidewalk and into the street. Becoming a hazard.
- Grass cutting is being left on the street and sidewalk
- UDF had an after school incident, ~~which~~ ^{if} has always been a gathering point for kids after school
- “Thanks” for the signs on Elizabeth Street to try to slow down the traffic

School/Library – Kisha Dosa

The homework help position has not been filled yet. Be sure to check out some of the evening programs the library offers there are some good ones.

Mt. Healthy had fathers walk their children to school on Tuesday. It was in celebration of National Fathers Walk Child to School Day. The group started out at the board office and walked to Mt. Healthy South Elementary. The Mt. Healthy drum line and cheerleaders escorted them along the way. Everyone then gathered for a rally inside the gym once they arrived at school. This was on the news today.

Urban Tree – Denise Lingo

Urban Tree Commission Autumn Tree Sale is going on. They have a selection of trees available for \$20 or shrubs for \$12. If you would like to purchase one or more, you will need to get your order in by September 25th. You can contact Karen Arnett for more information.

On October 20th will be the fall tree planting will be on Kemper this year. We have started getting volunteers from UC and some neighbors. Letters have gone to each house that a tree would be planted in the tree lawn giving the folks to opt out if the wish.
a chance

We Thrive – Jennifer Moody

We have formulated a draft action plan. There are four areas in the plan:

- Decrease smoking/e-cigarettes
- Increase healthy living
- Mental and emotional health
- Environmental changes

Once the draft plan is finalized a copy will be given to council to see. There are some things as council we can do under resolutions that can help the efforts of tobacco-use companies
w) advertising towards youth
curtail

Tikkun Farms is looking into doing an after school program. Hoping to be in operation in October.

MAYOR’S REPORT: James Wolf

There was a Planning Commission last night. It was well attended. It got emotional at some times. There will be legislation coming to council at the next meeting regarding the planning commission’s decision on 3 items.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Planning Commission meeting was last night. There were 3 items on the agenda. 2 were approved with conditions and 1 denied. Resolutions from the planning commission will be ready for you at the next council meeting. The plan is to have the public hearings at the October 16th meeting and legislation to vote on or have a 2nd reading at the first meeting in November. One item was a group home on Compton Road; a winery manufacturing at The Frank's property on Hamilton Avenue; the 3rd item was a youth drop in center at Hamilton and Compton.

2nd item

A RFQ went out for architectural visioning study/concept planning for the Main Theatre. Glaserworks is who we chose to work with. We have the \$11,200 grant to use towards this, but it may be a little over this amount, which will be added into the budget.

Hamilton Avenue, the state has a program where they set aside funding on a 4 year cycle, it's called the Urban Paving Program. The state has offered to provide concrete repair and the street grind and overlay on Hamilton Avenue corridor to corridor. The State estimates it to be about 1.2 million dollars. They are offering 50% of most of the costs, some of the costs are 100% city. They won't touch it until all the curbs are brought up to handicap compliant. This is for the fiscal year 2022. This is something we don't want to walk away from. We can revisit at a later date. North College Hill is looking at doing it at the same time.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

August month end reports and bank reconciliation were distributed in your packets

Executive Session:

A motion to move into an Executive for personnel reasons was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0

Moved into Executive Session 8:15pm-8:45pm

A motion affirming City Managers signature on the Paul Scott settlement agreement was made by Mr. George and seconded it by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion.

RESOLUTIONS:

None.

ORDINANCES:

Ordinance 18-1861: A second reading of ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mrs. Moody. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Ordinance 18-1863: A second reading of ordinance amending Chapter 50.99 of the City of Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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 8:50 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council