

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING November 18, 2019**

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. Moody, Mr. Parsons, Ms. Petersen, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa

**Absent and Excused:** Mrs. Lingo. Mr. George

A motion to excuse the absent members 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, Finance Director Scott Bauer

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes as printed for the November 5, 2019 meeting was made by Ms. Petersen and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

### **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

#### **Alex Washick**

SeeClickFix: The SeeClickFix app is the fastest, easiest way for you to submit non-emergency requests to the city, stay updated, and initiate change.

*The City of Mt. Healthy is proud to announce the launch of SeeClickFix in our city. SeeClickFix is a service that allows residents to report issues throughout the community- such as potholes, graffiti, abandoned cars, and more- using the SeeClickFix or online web portal. But not to worry, residents can still call and come into City Hall to report problems. One of the major benefits of SeeClickFix is that if residents provide an email address when they report an issue, they will receive automatic updates when action is taken to resolve the issue, so every step of the way, residents will be in the know about the status of their issue. To report an issue, click on the SeeClickFix button on our website menu or download the SeeClickFix app. Happy reporting!*

If you have any questions, feel free to call Alex at City Hall.

## **PUBLIC INPUT**

### **Kim Frederick**

A 20-year resident. Second time before council. Nothing has been done since she was at the last council meeting. Still having trouble with her neighbors keeping up their properties. She has tried to reach Mr. Knight 3 times since last meeting and have not seen any results. Feels like it is a waste of time to complain. Right now there are couches that she has asked to have removed and they are still there.

Mr. Knight did contact owner of property and gave them until November 25<sup>th</sup> to remove the trash. The window was discussed with the landlord and there have been measurements taken to replace that window.

### **Paul Young**

Would like to "Thank" the Joint Fire District board for giving him the opportunity to work on the board. He grew up here and it was an honor to serve on the board.

A big "Thank You" to Paul for all his hard work. It was great to have him on the board.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **Business Partnership/Alliance: Judy Petersen;**

Attended the Mt. Healthy Business Association meeting

- Fibonacci Brewing will be holding a Customer Appreciation Day on November 27, 5:00p-7:00p. They will be releasing their Pride of The Valley, Wheat Ale w/Pawpaw's.
- The Christian Village will be having a Ribbon Cutting and Celebration of the new Guardian Center for Memory Support. This will be November 21, 4:30p-6:30p. Ribbon cutting at 5:30p
- The Mt. Healthy Business Association made a donation to Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project for the Christmas event

Mt. Healthy Alliance served 488 families in October. They are still looking into different locations for when the church building is sold.

### **Finance – Bob Parsons**

Had a meeting tonight before council. Looking to be in good shape. There are a few changes in the budget that need to be made. We will get the final version out to council and will have the county format for legislation the two December meetings. The three big things that need to keep radar on:

1. Building Inspector need to have more hours in office. Maybe even have a Full-Time position.
2. Police Department court hours. The hours officers spend downtown for court are getting to be very high. These are overtime hours. Look at ways to cut down
3. Joint Fire District dissolves at end of year. Need to look at our next options. This is going to require more money, so we will have to put a Levy out there for vote at some point.

## **WeThrive – Jennifer Moody**

- There was a meeting tonight. Looking into how to restructure and see what other directions
- Betty Bollas is doing great work with the Farmer's Market. Looking to expand the market next year. May – November. Also, looking into being able to receive SNAP. Confident there will be more produce next year.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf**

Christmas in Mt. Healthy 2019 will be Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 10:00a – 7:00p

A free city-wide event for the family, with lots of choices for shopping, crafts, music, food and fun. Multiple venues- come and visit as many as you like. (Most activity centers on Hamilton Avenue, business district. Off-the-avenue venues: Fibonacci Brewing Company, Mt. Healthy Eagles Lodge, Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church, Mt. Healthy History Museum.)

- 6am-4pm Little Dutch Bakery Holiday cookie and coffee cake specials
- 9am-5pm holiday gift popup shop at 7609 Hamilton Ave (next to Little Dutch)
- 10am-noon Mt. Healthy United Methodist free pancake breakfast, live music, gift giveaway
- 10am-2pm Creativity Cottage cookie decorating and music
- 10am-4pm Hilltop Glass Creations Holiday Open House and grand opening of their new location at 7612 Hamilton Ave. Make and take glass ornaments (fused/stained/painted glass), refreshments, live music
- 10am-6pm Mt. Healthy Branch Library help piece together a Christmas jigsaw puzzle
- 10 am-6pm Covered Bridge Antique Mall holiday sale, drawing for \$50 gift card (register before the day of event), refreshments, discounts
- 11-6pm Aquatics & Exotics Cocoa and snacks. Check out the exotic saltwater aquariums.
- 11am-5pm Native Moon Apothecary, serving a Christmas tea blend
- noon-4pm Mt. Healthy Branch Library: make and take-home craft for kids and adults
- noon-4pm Soul Luxe Boutique, free Christmas ornament
- Time TBD Square Mile Coffee Company popup for fresh La Terza coffee
- Time TBD Precision Blendz High school band presents "instrument petting zoo" for kids to see instruments up close
- 12:45-2pm Brotherton's Family Restaurant, live music
- 1-5pm Mt. Healthy Fraternal Order of Eagles Crafts/vendor sale, Cookies with Santa
- 1-3pm Mt. Healthy History Museum, Holiday open house. Visit with Santa, children's crafts, refreshments, live music (2-3pm)
- 2-5pm Jonnies Hair Care braid and bead hair decor for kids
- 3-5pm Mt. Healthy Renaissance Project Ornament Exchange, bring in your old items, take home some new (to you.) Rules posted on Facebook event page. Link provided soon
- 4-7pm Paul R. Young Funeral Home annual Holiday Open House. Free carriage rides, live nativity, live music, tours of 1833 historic house, refreshments
- Noon-midnight Fibonacci Brewing Company, Holiday Sangria, Mulled Wine and Live Art from Six Bomb Boards: Cincinnati

The soccer program we brought to the park a few years ago had a team come in 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Ohio SAY Soccer State tournament, The Thunder. We may look into inviting them to council. It's nice to have activity back down at the park and having a positive impact in the community.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Bill Kocher***

Planning Commission met last night regarding an application for a group home at 1440 Evencrest Drive. Before the meeting it was discovered that the property owner was not aware of this application that was submitted. The commission dismissed the application.

December 14<sup>th</sup> Free Pancake Breakfast at Mt. Healthy United Methodist Church starting at 10:00 am in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. A complete list of events

Had a meeting with Springfield Township Administrator regarding mutual aid with them. They had heard about what has happened with the Joint Fire District Board and wants to know what the City's next step is. We have a good working relationship with the township and want to continue this. We will continue to keep this discussion going. Be ready to work on this in January full force.

### **FINANCE DIRECTOR: *Scott Bauer***

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

The 2020 Budget will be presented at the next council meeting. There will be a housekeeping ordinance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> December council meeting that will need to be passed.

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

None.

### **ORDINANCES:**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Parsons announcing what officially happened regarding the Joint Fire District.

- October 21<sup>st</sup> North College Hill council voted to withdraw. The Mayor for NCH vetoed that vote
- November 4<sup>th</sup> North College Hill Council voted to override the veto, NCH will withdraw at the end of the year
- November 5<sup>th</sup> the Joint Fire district levy vote was defeated
- The Business will finish up at the end of the year
- Any funds left over will be distributed equally between the two cities

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Parsons would like to start discussions next year about putting traffic cameras up around the city. Our Law Director looked into the law of cameras in cities. You can put traffic cameras in the city and fine people for what comes up on the cameras, but any fines you collect you must give to the State. You would break even in the end. Not opposed to having cameras installed. There are a lot of traffic problems in the city.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mrs. Moody. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
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President of Council Ross Bittner

  
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Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council