

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 18, 2022

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

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mr. George, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Young

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Dosa

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mrs. Lingo. An aye vote carried the motion. Member excused.

Mrs. Dosa arrived at 7:05pm

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

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

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the minutes with corrections noted for the January 4, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Reminder for council members. 2021 Financial Disclosure statement to be filed in 2022. The filing deadline is Monday, May 16, 2022.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None.

PUBLIC INPUT

Karen Arnett; Bringing thoughts and suggestions regarding having no control over property values. The city does do a lot to protect property values. The city puts resources to have Mr. Knight find violations of property maintenance code. Would like to propose that you think about putting some or all of the money were putting into maintaining a proud and vibrant community, which does not seem to be working. Putting it into a part-time person who is pro-actively working to do economic development of the business district. Give consideration to take a pro-active approach.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young III.

Attended the January 10th Business Association meeting.

- Dwight Moody was sworn in as President. Dwight's theme for his term is "Connect & Grow"
- Big Thanks to Kim for all the years of her hard work
- School district updated on Wi-Fi - should be up and running soon
- Little Dutch Bakery is going out of business the end of January. Very sad to see them go.

School: Cordel George

- Mt. Healthy School District invites council to join us for coffee and conversation with Superintendent Dr. Valerie Hawkins on Wednesday, January 19 at 4:30pm in the Mt. Healthy Jr/Sr High School Media Center.
 - *This has been changed to a google meeting.*

Library: Kisha Dosa

- They are still handing out meal boxes every Monday, from 3p-5p. This will go until June 2022.

Urban Tree: Denise Lingo

- Have Karen do a report in the Spring and Fall.

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Next meeting is Tuesday, 1/25 at 4:00pm

The food program continues at Tikkun Farm

Working with Healthcare Connection on mental/behavioral health in the community and trying to stay on the same page.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

Don Herring has stepped down from the Planning Commission. He served for 18 years and did an amazing job. Will be looking for his replacement in the near future. This is a mayor appointed and council approval position.

Betty Bollas from Fibonacci is working with Artworks regarding getting some type of mural in our city. The response from Artworks has been positive. She will be meeting with them to discuss the process.

Have spoken with Chris from Little Dutch Bakery. Chris is keeping the community in mind and will keep ownership of the building and rent it out. He will make sure it is kept a positive aspect of the community. Many people have reached out to him regarding the business. Would like to keep a bakery in that location.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Bill Kocher

Cincinnati Bell is wanting to do a ribbon cutting in regard to the wi-fi project going on in the city. The first two access points are in the park and Lake of the Woods. Trying to make a big deal about this. Would like as many council members as possible there. Looking at possibly February 5 or 12. Will keep you posted on the date.

Next meeting a photographer will be here before the council meeting to update our pictures. They will be here at 6:15pm.

Email and letter regarding gas aggregation was in the packet.

Community Development: we will be receiving \$25,000 for a façade program. Businesses uptown will be able to get façade grants. Will need to come up with guidelines. Will not get the money until July 2022. Will update as more details become available.

A new event this summer will be Porchfest 2022. Looking at an August date. We started this in 2020 and was unable to do it. A community event with music on different porches around town.

To respond to Ms. Arnett. Property maintenance is always a tough issue. The grass cutting is not a revenue generator. Understand where Ms. Arnett is coming from. We can always look at ways to improve.

FINANCE DIRECTOR: Scott Bauer

December month end reports are in the packets.

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 22-1177: A second reading of a resolution requesting the County Auditor to make payments of taxes pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34. A motion to adopt the resolution was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. George. A roll call vote carried the motion 7-0.

Resolution 22-1177 was adopted.

ORDINANCES:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor: we have let our emergency declaration expire. Right now, there is not an immediate need to do this again. If something changes and we see a need we will do another one. Council would have to approve.

Mr. Young would like to know if there has been some type of traffic study done on Hamilton Avenue with the new project coming up. Traffic is bad on Hamilton Avenue. Folks drive in the parking lanes.

Mr. Kocher will get a proposal for an impact study on Hamilton Avenue between Adams and Madison. Looking for recommendations.

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 7:45 pm.



President of Council Ross Bittner



Melanie Branditz, Clerk of Council