

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2022**

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo

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

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the September 6, 2022 meeting minutes, as corrected, was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Roetting. A unanimous aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

None

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young

No report.

Beautification: Denise Lingo

Absent

Finance: Bob Parsons

Just had meeting to review financial statements through August, compare with budget for this year; looks good, a few reclassifications of expenses. Should have 2023 budget to look at late in November, bring to Council in December.

Parks: Denise Lingo

Absent

Safety/Streets: Joe Roetting

- Mr. Horsley in attendance; presented some of his proposals for street control/traffic calming at last meeting. We talked about that with Safer Passages to School and WeThrive - time to get together and talk about this? WeThrive has received a grant for planning (walking, biking, etc.). When they have the community involvement sessions would be a perfect time for this; not right now. We just got approved for grant, planning has to be done through August 2023 (grant calendar year), so will be starting in next couple of months. Special thanks to Mr. Horsley for coming up tonight and work he has done.
- Defer Compton Road information to City Manager.
- Question regarding parking on Adams & Joseph, inability to see around parked cars. If you are on Joseph at intersection of Joseph & Adams, turning left (W) or right (E), there are cars parked toward the crest of the hill. We want to push that parking back a little bit; have to look into it. Typically, cars going eastbound on Adams are the problem. TEC site line study resulted in "coin flip," no solid recommendations.

School: Cordel George

No report.

Library: Kisha Dosa

No report at this time.

Urban Tree: Denise Lingo

Absent

WeThrive: Dan Mueller

- Carla from ArtWorks has not attended any meetings since her initial one, no update. Mt. Healthy Alliance has event at Clovernook Apartments on Saturday, 12N-4:00pm.
- What is WeThrive? Basically, an opportunity for community to engage and thrive. A liaison committee between Mt. Healthy and Hamilton County Public Health, many aspects (food, transportation, et al.).

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Farmer's Market at Fibonacci's on October 2nd from 12-3:00 p.m.
- Mt. Healthy Haunted Hall - begins next Friday, September 30th. 8:00-11:00 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$12.00. Benefits Boy Scouts and Knights of Columbus. Bring canned goods on Fridays/Saturdays for \$2.00 off admission; bring two cans of soup on Sundays for \$6.00 off admission. Canned goods and soup go to the Mt. Healthy Alliance Food Pantry. This is 32nd year, making it the longest running in the Tri-State.
- Will have Dwight Weese from Tree Commission at next meeting, need to fill vacancy, Aaron Horsley to assume that role. Mr. Horsley introduced himself to Council.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Trick or Treat - Monday, October 31st - 6:00-8:00 p.m. - Council unanimous
- Compton Road - pre-construction meeting next week, Nemann won the bid, has done work for Mt. Healthy before. Where did bid come in? Originally, JMA said \$1.3M, then at

\$1.8M when costs went up. Mr. Bauer will look into it. Oil down, blacktop should be cheaper, gasoline for vehicles should be better than when JMA gave the \$1.8M number.

- Two to three weeks for ambulance delivery.
- Chief Lawson asked if there is interest in an open house prior to the next Council meeting before swearing in new firefighters. Council unanimously agreed on open house.
- Chris Jones here with PACE, can answer any questions.
- Clovernook Apartments abatement - would be good for us to go out there and determine how much work they did, in accordance with the language of the CRA we set up, not sure if 10 year or 12 year. They are at least paying us for some of our police details. What commitments did they make to us to get the abatement? Mr. Bauer has monthly meeting with corporate rep (in Cleveland); hoping to see more cameras and anything else that can help with the situation. Will get more information on what the promises were; the guy who made the promises left in May, Mr. Bauer will dig into it more.

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR: *Melanie Branditz*

- August month-end reports in the packets; please contact her with any questions.
- Will begin budget work for 2023 next month, will have at December meeting.

Second Reading of Resolutions or Ordinances

Ordinance 22-1991: Second reading of an Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Discussion on ~~at~~ when, as a City, we get to the point where we do more than assess costs. Bill Knight has recommended adding more fees to our code to incentivize people not to use us as their clean-up crew. Also, a few spots on Hamilton Avenue where apartments are putting garbage bags by street cans. Should be penalty for this, not just covering our costs. Mr. Bauer meeting with City Law Director next week, has sent him Bill Knight's recommendation. Motion to adopt by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Ordinance 22-1991 adopted.

Ordinance 22-1992: Second reading of an Ordinance Vacating an Alley Located Between 7405 Perry Street and 7409 Perry Street. Motion to adopt by Mr. George, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Ordinance 22-1992 adopted.

Ordinance 22-1993: Second reading of an Ordinance Assessing Costs for the Replacement Private Lead Service Lines and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to adopt by Mr. Mueller, seconded by Mrs. Dosa. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Ordinance 22-1993 adopted.

Resolution 22-1190: First reading of a Resolution approving the Petition for Special Assessments for Special Energy Improvement Project and a Plan for Public Improvements; Declaring the Necessity of Acquiring, Constructing, Improving, Installing, and Equipping Certain Public Improvements in Cooperation with the Green Township Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. Doing Business as the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. Motion to adopt by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Parsons. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Resolution 22-1190 adopted.

Ordinance 22-1994: Second reading of an Ordinance to Proceed with the Acquisition, Construction, and Improvement of Certain Public Improvements in the City of Mount Healthy, Ohio, in Cooperation with the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District,

and Declaring an Emergency. Chris Jones, PACE, summarized for Council members absent from September 6 meeting. Emphasis that City is only the pass-through of special assessment, no liability if property owner doesn't repay loan. Energy efficiency part of project is increase of insulation value of roof. Period of time for repayment is 25 years. Two responsibilities: By joining the ESID board, City Manager is on board of directors and Council, as legislative member, would have to make a motion to appoint a second person. Why did owner(s) go this route? Could they not get other financing? Exact answer not known, but generally it is used because not tied to traditional credit lines. This is for commercial property owners only, can be used for new construction as well; interest rate attached to this, not "free money." Once approved, can open the door for other commercial property owners in Mt. Healthy. ESID Board meeting next Thursday in Council Chambers. Motion to adopt, as amended, made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote of 6-0 in favor. Ordinance 22-1994 adopted.

Ordinance 22-1995: Second reading of an Ordinance Levying Special Assessments for the Purpose of Acquiring, Constructing, and Improving Certain Public Improvements in the City of Mount Healthy, Ohio in Cooperation with the Western Communities Energy Special Improvement District, and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to adopt, as amended, made by Mrs. Dosa, seconded by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 6-0 in favor. Ordinance 22-1995 adopted. Motion to appoint City Manager and Mayor to ESID Board made by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Parsons. Voice vote, aye unanimous, motion carried. Motion to delegate Mayor's vote to City Manager made by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Mueller. Voice vote, aye unanimous, motion carried.

Resolution 22-1191: Second reading of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Mt. Healthy to Prepare and submit an application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and / or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Brief discussion on projects to which this Resolution applies. Will get formally submitted later this week; due Friday. Motion to adopt by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Resolution 22-1191 adopted.

First Reading of Resolutions or Ordinances

Ordinance 22-1996 An Ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. Motion to suspend second reading by Mr. Parsons, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Motion to suspend two reading rule approved. Motion to adopt made by Mr. Roetting, seconded by Mr. George. Roll call vote 6-0 in favor. Resolution 22-1996 adopted.

Resolution 22-1192 First reading of a Resolution authorizing the Mt. Healthy City Manager to sign and accept the memorandum of understanding between the City of Mt Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council regarding changes the current collective bargaining agreement covering the police sergeants. Allows them to carry over 80 hours of PTO, incentive to use the time off instead of cashing it out. This action reverts back to original contract. Discussion on ability to cash out, as well as importance of taking time off such a stressful job and scheduling concerns. No urgency to pass, remains first reading.

Resolution 22-1193 First reading of a Resolution authorizing the Mt. Healthy City Manager to sign and accept the memorandum of understanding between the City of Mt Healthy and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council regarding changes the current collective bargaining agreement covering full time police officers. Same language with carryover but reduces from three years to two years to be promoted to Sergeant. Goes into effect 30 days after approval; no urgency to pass, remains first reading.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

- When will they begin grinding and paving Hamilton Avenue? Late September, early October.
- Question as to why maintenance crew had ~~area between Madison~~ ^{Madison Hamilton} and Harrison blocked, police cruisers there with lights on. Truck snagged on power line, area shut down until determined it was a phone line.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Dosa and seconded by Mr. Mueller. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt

