

**MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**November 15, 2022**

The council meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by President of Council, Ross Bittner. The invocation was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcome.

**ROLL CALL:**

***Present:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa, Mr. Mueller, Mr. Young

**Absent and Excused: Mr. George**

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. Young. 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 minutes as printed for the November 1, 2022, meeting was made by Mr. Mueller and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:**

None.

**PUBLIC INPUT**

***Aaron Horsley, 7823 Maple Street, Mt. Healthy, OH 45231 (Wetlands Project Update)***

- Honeysuckle removal at Wetlands has received great support from community. Date for project is Saturday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. at Wetlands Park. Expecting 12-15 volunteers. Spoke with Chief Lawson, ambulance will be on site for first three hours. All are welcome, limited number of work gloves and safety goggles available. Working with Tikkan Farm on native replacement plants for springtime planting.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Business Partnership/Association: PAUL YOUNG**

Did not attend meeting. Scott Bauer attended; Christmas tree lighting and hanging banner across Hamilton Avenue discussed. Still figuring out what makes sense. Christmas in Mt. Healthy on December 17<sup>th</sup>, businesses still putting program together.

**Beautification Committee: DENISE LINGO**

No report.

**Finance: BOB PARSONS**

Meeting prior to this meeting to go over budget; got through half of it. Call another meeting for 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 28. Scott to make discussed changes.

**Parks: DENISE LINGO**

No report.

**Safety/Streets: JOE ROETTING**

1. CALEA certification letter from Chief Demasi
2. Shooting incident at Hilltop - under investigation, meeting at 10:30 tomorrow morning.
3. Work continues on Compton; not sure if blacktop will get down, hoping for at least one coat before winter sets in. Hamilton Avenue looks great, following up on curb in roadway not sealed.

**School: CORDEL GEORGE**

Absent, no report.

**Library: KISHA DOSA**

No report.

**Urban Tree: DENISE LINGO**

No report.

**WeThrive: DAN MUELLER**

Carla from Artworks cancelled again. No report.

**MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf**

- Trinity holding a Surviving the Holidays seminar this Sunday at 1:30 p.m. for those grieving the loss of a loved one.
- WeThrive - applied for EO grant (community resiliency). Will use the money (\$3,700) to fund driver's education programs. Not all communities are applying, the money for those who don't apply will go to the communities that did apply. Can also be used for recruiting lifeguards for the pool this summer. Diane Kagan will be involved in lifeguard training, classes will be offered.
- Bringing pool management back in-house, council will see it in the budget (Jon Peters). Opens up opportunities for more summer park events since pool staff will be city employees.
- First major WeThrive project was bringing youth sports back to the park. We Health United was part of that. Best example of city and non-profit WeThrive group, Interact for Health, to get them started; we now have nothing to do with them other than letting them use our fields. They are up and running, using none of our resources (other than they use the fields and we keep the grass cut). One of their teams finished first in the region, the other finished second both made state tournament. Real success. We get them up and running and they go on their own.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer**

- Heat Event Center (Hilltop shooting) meeting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow with someone from management group. Another same event scheduled for Thanksgiving weekend (women boxing). Chief Demasi, one of our sergeants will be at meeting tomorrow, along with Joe Roetting. Chief, Mayor, and City Manager had brief meeting. Rentals of event centers are hard on us, they don't have liquor license so we have nothing to go after; they can rent it out to promoter, do nearly whatever they want and we have no leverage. Looking at rules for boxing; in some states, have to have a medic on hand (for example), trying to figure out how we can attack this, other than respond to each individual event. Also, there were strippers and there are regulations with that; technically, an adult oriented business. Rental hall vs adult oriented business (e.g., if someone has bachelor party with strippers at the Eagles Hall, nothing we can do). Trying to figure out regulations and address these matters. City Manager brought up parade and special event ordinance in 2020 - was it ever passed? City Manager going over it to review and see if it can help us

regulate some of these events. Best recollection is it was tabled because too over-reaching. We can't go after one business and create a law for that business; has to apply to businesses across the board. If private event but charging admission for public, no longer a private event; wording matters ("suggested donation" versus ticket price). Also, only one exit, fire department going to inspect some of these businesses. Explore every avenue.

- New ambulance here, will be in service before Thanksgiving.
- Gave green light to organization helping us with police chief search. Will put together job description, post everything on line, go through applications (initial steps).

**ASST. CITY MANAGER/FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz**

October month-end reports on desks, please let her know if any questions.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance 22-1999:** A first reading of Ordinance assessing costs of the removal of high grass and weeds and declaring an emergency. Brief discussion on addresses, most are residences, only one is a third time offender. Mr. Parsons made motion to suspend two reading rule, seconded by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote carried the motion 6-0. A motion to adopt the Ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Mueller. A roll call vote carried the motion 6-0.

***Ordinance 22-1999 was adopted.***

**RESOLUTIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Mueller read his letter of resignation; effective at midnight tonight.
- Mr. Parsons informed council of recommendation to freeze all elected officials pay for 2023 (approx. \$5,000); this includes the Mayor, the President of Council, and all members of City Council. Also asking other employees to not take a very large increase. Failure of tax levy, need for additional police and fire personnel, more people on street crews. After consulting City Charter, Ordinance will be prepared for next meeting (December 6); Mr. Parsons will be absent.

**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 7:42 p.m.

  
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President of Council, Ross Bittner

  
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Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt