

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 4, 2023

The Street Committee met prior to the council meeting.

The council meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Council Member Kisha Dosa, followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Bittner

A motion to excuse the absent member and President of Council was made by Mr. Roetting and seconded by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Member and president excused.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Fire Chief Steve Lawson

MINUTES: Tabled until April 18th meeting; no one present with authority to sign off on them.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:

- Steve Lawson - Two career people hired last month (Fire Dept.), Morgan Mason and Josh King. Following brief bio on each, were sworn in by Mayor Wolf and congratulated by council and those in attendance.
- John Goedde, JMA Consultants - Compton: Anticipates return to project at end of April, resurfacing to be done by end of May and project concluded. Madison & Forest: Working on design. GCWW going to replace some of their water main and services, anticipate project this Summer, should be finished next Spring. Two grants we can apply for. The first, SORTA, is fairly new. It is a reimbursement program, focuses on bus routes but also do others (Compton & Harrison were funded through SORTA; Harrison will be done next year). Have to know by end of April what streets we want to proceed with, JMA comes back with cost estimate and certification of funds needs to be done by May 15; grant applications due May 31. Key is certification of funds. Local match has to be with local dollars, so does engineering. The second option is a SCIP (State Capital Improvement Program) administered by OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission). This program has funded two phases on Perry, Adams, Hickman, Elizabeth and Clovernook. Application due in mid-September. Would like to have firm idea within first couple weeks of August which projects we want to submit. Certification of funds to JMA by September 1. City Manager said we will decide on street for SORTA funding at April 18 meeting, will pass the legislation at May 2 meeting. SCIP projects by July 18. Funds for the Bus Rapid Transit program are separate from SORTA funds.

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Jim Lowenberg: Ohio House Bill 1, change to taxes, will have tremendous impact on local funds and libraries. Encourages council to get involved with other municipalities to get this stopped. Is on a fast track. Mayor stated Ohio Municipal League involved, will lobby on our behalf. Is in the Ohio legislature now, will not be on ballot.
- Debra Lacke: Alley repair. If not asphalt, can they use concrete? Mayor explained there is no funding for alleyway repairs, we have to pay for those ourselves, no matched funding from the State. Will use gas tax but will be another year or so before we have enough resources. Public Works to go over, assess situation.
- Dan Oliver: Suite 31 Restaurant and Lounge (formerly Stadium Bar & Grill) had soft opening last Saturday and will have grand opening on April 8. Distributed pamphlets and gift cards (gift cards returned to Mr. Oliver). Hearing for liquor license transfer is May 11.

MAYOR'S REPORT: *James Wolf*

- Urban Tree Commission holding an Arbor Day Event on Saturday, April 22, 9A-12N; meet in parking lot at Perry and Adams. No tools needed, please bring gloves if you have them. RSVP to Karen Arnett at 513-377-1976.
- CIC needs to meet again, work on extension. Little snag in CURC purpose. Many repairs needed for Brotherton's building, renegotiating offer.
- ArtWorks (handout). Work on public art plan. One in \$5k range, one in \$10k range. WeThrive will fund this. WeThrive meets on the 18th to determine whether they are going for Plan 1 or 2. Lighted art pieces (sculptures) in alleyways. More info after next WeThrive meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: *Scott Bauer*

- Gave information on funeral procession for Officer Tim Unwin on Thursday.
- Got levy certification back, will have legislation prepared for next meeting. Council agreed legislation should be for police levy (continuing).
- Weekend before last, shooting at We Do BBQ (Hilltop Plaza). Self-inflicted wound, not lethal.
- UDF - Temporary speed bumps, bolted in, slows to 5mph. Going to put a traffic counter there. Hope to have police data at next meeting.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: *Steve Lawson, Chief*

- Two grants: one for new fire engine, done by Lexipol; the other for two career fire fighters, done in-house. Staffing as of today: Six 24-hour open shifts and three 12-hour open shifts; lost 2 part time personnel to Anderson Twp. full time. Received one part time application today. Career update: Five medics, three in class; three inspectors, one about to be certified. As soon as the three are done with medic school, we will put them through inspection school. New ambulance good, had to have some repairs but nothing too major.

ORDINANCES:

Second Reading of Ordinances: None

First Reading of Ordinances: None

RESOLUTIONS:

Second Reading of Resolutions: None

First Reading of Resolutions: None

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mr. Parsons asked if there was an update on the Antique Mall. There have been no further inspections, Ross (Bittner) needs to look at it with Gordon (Wong). Deerpark Roofing estimate came in at \$250k. AK also coming out to look at it. Scott has contacted the Port .

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mr. George and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt