

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

August 15, 2023

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

Firefighter Michael Horton was sworn in by Mayor Wolf. Chief Steve Lawson then announced the promotion of Captain Keith Peace, Captain Mitch Wiethorn, and Captain Eric Moorman. Each were presented with their rank designated red helmet.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent & Excused: Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Roetting, Mr. George

A motion to excuse the absent members was made by *Ms.* Dosa and seconded by Mrs. Rissel. An aye vote carried the motion.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Police Chief Jerry Deidesheimer

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the July 18, 2023 minutes as printed was made by Mr. Parsons and seconded by Mr. Young. An aye vote carried the motion 4-0. Minutes adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: July 2023 Police Report

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT:

- Aaron Horsley - Wetlands update - Volunteer picnic on September 30th. Proposal from SB Tree Service (handout), \$2,000 for whole day's work. Shut down park for entire day, 60-70% of invasive trees to be removed. Tentative date of October 13th. Probably use eight people, mostly ground workers, one or two climbers. Picnic flyer will be put on Mt. Healthy's Facebook page.
- Mara Harperink - Mt. Health-opol-y Fundraiser - Histocial Society in final days of fundraiser, can buy a spot for a family member, friend, etc. Need in next seven days in order to roll out in time for Christmas. Will bring in \$15k for Historical Society, which usually brings in \$2k annually. Also interested in hearing about traffic counter results on Adams Road.
- Dwight Weese - Tree Commission update - (1) Grant: Several clarified items that federal government owes the state, not releasing until October 1; earliest grant window will open after that date, 60 days to get it in. (2) Three items mentioned at last meeting down to two: hazard reduction and site remediation; \$30k for these two projects. Have to apply for two separate grants, one for the financing, one for the labor. Regarding the ordinance, is aware that Mr. Roetting wants "positive permission" but UTC members do not see that as

feasible, wants to stay with opt out. Following discussion, meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 5, in Council Chambers to discuss ordinance language, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification Committee: Denise Lingo No report.

Business Partnership/Alliance: Paul Young. No report.

Economic Development Committee: Paul Young

- A lot of momentum, hopefully more to report at next meeting.

Finance Committee: Bob Parsons

- Finance Committee meeting on September 19th at 6:00 p.m. to go through 2023 results through August. Asked Finance Director to get the reports out and requested that any comments be emailed to "reply all" by Friday, September 15th.

Library: Kisha Dosa

- Wrapping up summer programs.
- After school meal program starts August 16th.
- Customer Appreciation Day in October.

Parks Commission: Kisha Dosa

- Thank you to all for helping with summer concert series.
- Movie in the Park - September
- Possible grants for play structure from Love in Action, through Emmanuel Temple.
- Parks Commission meeting next Thursday (24th) at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Safety Committee: Joe Roetting No report.

Schools: Cordel George No report.

Streets Committee: Peggy Rissel

- A lot of broken glass across from Eagles but was cleaned up before she could report it.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Last two Farmers Markets at Fibonacci on September 3rd and October 1st.
- Yard Sale - Thanks to the Fire Department and Scouts for assisting the Historical Society with the set-up and tear-down.
- Community backpack give-away very successful.
- Two Scouts present - Cameron Wolf (son) and Chris King. Both are out of Assumption and at council tonight for communication assignment. Also, Chris worked at the pool this summer.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Email on ODNR grant received.
- Echo success of community backpack event.
- Met with Keith Peace (FD), kick off union negotiations. Keith making list to go into contract.

- Police negotiations beginning soon.
- Compton & Hamilton update - Compton done, company coming back end of September to get problems corrected on Hamilton.
- Clovernook meeting went well, cameras upgrade and better lighting.
- Adams Road traffic data - Discussed handout of traffic counter data, excessive speeds happen throughout the day. Definitely a candidate for speed humps. Police Chief added that possible increased patrols and stops may also help.

FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz

- July financials in packet. Please call her with any questions/comments.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jerry Deidesheimer

- Mt. Healthy PD achieved CALEA accreditation. This is the gold standard, something Chief Demasi put in motion. Much thanks to Officer Nick Michaels for his hard work on this effort.
- Use of Force review committee on August 28th.
- Police Facebook page up and running.
- Threat Assessment at HearthStone.
- Mt. Healthy PD will participate in Norwood PD First Responders Night, along with other Hamilton County agencies. Did not do National Night Out this year.
- A&A theft arrest made.

ORDINANCES:

First Reading of Ordinances:

23-2018 An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. First reading only.

23-2019 An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of Litter, Rubbish and Garbage Declaring an Emergency. First reading only.

Second Reading of Ordinances:

23-2016 An Ordinance Adding Chapter 101 - *City of Mount Healthy Tree Ordinance* to the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances. Tabled.

RESOLUTIONS:

First Reading of Resolutions:

23-1212 Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit an Application to Receive the Urban Canopy Restoration Grant and to Execute Any Contract or Documents as Required. First reading only.

Second Reading of Resolutions:

23-1211 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. Mr. Parsons made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-1211, seconded by Mrs. Rissel. Roll call vote carried the motion 4-0. *Resolution 23-1211 was adopted.*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bidder for Forest-Madison project? JMA said bidding would be done in October. Council thought it was bid out in June, City Manager will investigate the delay.
- Maintain pool bathrooms through concert series (three more weeks), roll up door needs to be open and restrooms clean on Fridays through September 1.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Anything further on MetroNow in Mt. Healthy? Are they still planning to come? Already here and in use. Information will be put on Mt. Healthy web site.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. ^{Rissel} ~~Lingo~~ and seconded by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion ~~7-0~~ and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt