

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

### **September 5, 2023**

After conclusion of a 6:00 p.m. public meeting of City Council and the Urban Tree Commission, the council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President of Council Ross Bittner, followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL:**

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

#### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Finance Director Melanie Branditz, Public Works Director Justin Westrich

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the August 15, 2023 minutes with changes was made by Mr. Parsons, second by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. Minutes adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf**

- We are eligible to apply for up to \$35k public health grant for Covid mitigation, resiliency or engagement strategies. Will see what we can use it for, not sure if we should do it as the City or as WeThrive. Last time we got all of it, would be nice if we can use it for park equipment.
- CIC meeting last Tuesday. CIC extended deadline for 3CMTH to use funds with caveat that they must submit requisitions piece by piece to Scott instead of turning money over all at once. While in that meeting, 3CMTH went under contract on a pretty substantial building. Was asked not to say which building at Council meeting yet but they are under contract.

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

- Fire and police negotiations continue. Hope to have something for both by end of month.
- JMA - Was this time last year that we bid out Compton, so not as far behind as it seems; this is just the "bidding cycle," no reason for delay. Bidding for Forest-Madison in November, December for Harrison project; paving for both expected completion by end of June 2024. Hamilton Avenue corrections and repairs continue, originally said August and September. Markings on street, they have addressed some of those issues, hopefully will be done in next few weeks. Email this morning from JMA regarding the two OPWC projects, Madison & Werner (\$2 million) and Joseph & McMakin (\$1.2 million). Will sign off on those and get them sent. City's portion is \$600k and \$370k, plus engineering.

## **FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Melanie Branditz**

- No report tonight.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Justin Westrich**

- Been busy. Weekly mowing, watering of flowers, going over Bill Knight's list. 62 yards cut, last year this time had cut 82 yards, possibly because of less rain this year.
- Pool ran well, no mechanical issues. Should rebuild all four motors (for preventive maintenance, per John Peters).
- Repainted all crosswalks before schools returned.
- Filling potholes.
- Has estimates on getting roads sealed.
- Mr. Roetting thanked Justin and his crew for repainting of lines. Possible to have solid yellow line on more streets? Would help police with left of center issues. Need average of 6,000 cars/day for double yellow line. Brief discussion. Saved city \$6k by not contracting the work.
- Mr. Parsons asked if grass cutting was getting done without overtime. Yes.

## **ORDINANCES:**

### **Second Reading of Ordinances:**

**23-2016** An Ordinance Adding Chapter 101 - *City of Mount Healthy Tree Ordinance* to the Mt. Healthy Code of Ordinances. First reading only at July 18 meeting. Tabled at August 15 meeting. No reading required.

**23-2018** An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Parsons made motion to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. George. Roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. *Ordinance 23-2018 adopted.*

**23-2019** An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of Litter, Rubbish and Garbage Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Roetting made motion to approve the ordinance, second by Mrs. Rissel. Roll call vote carried the motion 7-0. *Ordinance 23-2019 adopted.*

### **First Reading of Ordinances:**

**23-2020** An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to suspend first reading rule made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mr. Young. Roll call vote of 7-0 carried the motion, first reading rule suspended. Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mrs. Dosa. Roll call vote of 7-0 carried the motion. *Ordinance 23-2020 adopted.*

**23-2021** An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of Litter, Rubbish and Garbage Declaring an Emergency. Motion to suspend first reading rule made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 7-0 carried the motion, first reading rule suspended. Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. George, second by Mrs. Lingo. Roll call vote of 7-0 carried the motion. *Ordinance 23-2021 adopted.*

## **RESOLUTIONS:**

### **Second 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 at August 15 meeting. Tabled. No reading required.

**First Reading of Resolutions:** None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Parsons asked if Antique Mall was closing. Yes, still open, September is their final month. Have not yet found another location.
- Finance Committee meeting at 6:00 p.m. prior to next council meeting. Mrs. Branditz confirmed that council would be getting the statements by end of this week.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Dwight Weese - Went through budget for tree ordinance (23-2016). Two grants (one for funds, one for labor). Brief discussion of use of Public Works staff. A lot of assumptions, would like more input. Mrs. Rissel asked where the 18 trees were being planted; 11 will be on Perry, seven are being remediated. Area where lowest tree canopy.
  - Mr. Parsons confirmed amount Tree Commission was asking from City. Finance Committee has everything it needs from Tree Commission.
  - Mr. Bauer asked if council was ready to vote on this at next meeting or does there need to be another meeting to discuss tree ordinance, possibly a work session? Mr. Parsons said if we get the exhibit in time to review it, could discuss at next council meeting; if not, may need half hour work session ahead of council meeting. (Conflicts with Finance Committee meeting immediately before next council meeting.) Mr. Bittner asked Tree Commission if they feel they have enough information and was told Karen (Arnett) had some other comments. Mr. Bittner added that it seems no matter what they come up with, someone will be unhappy, but can't please everyone. No decision made on having another meeting.

## **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo, second 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



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Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt