

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

October 3, 2023

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

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent and Excused: Mr. Parsons

A motion to excuse the absent member was made by Mr. George, second by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion. The absent member was excused.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer, Fire Chief Steve Lawson

MINUTES:

A motion to adopt the September 19, 2023 meeting minutes as printed was made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mrs. Rissel. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None

PUBLIC INPUT

Dawn Walter, 7340 Elizabeth Street / Penalty for Tree Removal

Concerned about the misdemeanor charge and \$500 penalty for removing a tree put in the right of way without homeowner's permission; specifically, one of her rental properties where member of Urban Tree Commission got permission from the renter, not the owner of the property. Owner wants trees removed. Response: Since Ordinance was passed as non-emergency, will check with City Law Director to see if still inside 30-day window; if so, owner can remove trees without penalty. Will get back to Mrs. Walter after speaking with Law Director.

MAYOR'S REPORT: James Wolf

- Terry Todd resigning at end of year as head of Civil Service Commission. Mayor will talk with Jenny Moody (incoming Mayor) regarding replacement.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer

- Mt. Healthy High School homecoming on October 5th. Fire truck in parade.
- Union negotiations under way with Police and Fire. Hopefully, will have patrol officers and sergeants contract to put before council at October 17th meeting.
- Levy - door hangers.
- SORTA - Harrison project has been approved. Will be Harrison-Kemper-Compton.
- County block grants open up next week.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Steve Lawson

- July-September: 461 EMS runs, 42 fire runs
- Did not get assistance firefighter grant for pumper. Still in process for SAFER grant (two career firefighters).

- Fire Inspections - 55 so far this year. 219 businesses, but not all are occupied. When there are violations, some are minor. Fire Department works with business owner on others. No occupancy rate issues since Stadium Bar & Grille changed their name and business model. Police and Fire working together if complaint is made for overcrowding.

RESOLUTIONS

Second Reading of Resolutions: None

First Reading of Resolutions: None

ORDINANCES

Second Reading of Ordinances: None

First Reading of Ordinances:

23-2022 An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of High Grass and Weeds and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to suspend two reading rule made by Mr. George, second by Mr. Roetting. Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mrs. Rissel. With roll call vote of 6-0, Ordinance 23-2022 was adopted.

23-2023 An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of Litter, Rubbish and Garbage and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to suspend two reading rule made by Mrs. Lingo, second by Mr. Young. Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. Roetting, second by Mrs. Rissell. With roll call vote of 6-0, Ordinance 23-2023 was adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Mayor has emailed Law Director regarding 30-day window for tree removal, waiting on response.
- Mr. Roetting suggests council discusses what reports they want from Urban Tree Commission, such as any future plantings. Mrs. Lingo said Karen (Arnett) used to provide quarterly reports. Mayor Wolf reminded Mr. Roetting that they used to come monthly and council asked them to stop. Mr. Roetting acknowledged the Mayor's reminder and responded that their (UTC) role has now expanded and they are getting additional funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

- WeThrive - Just applied for \$30k grant, is under review by County; expectation is that we will get it. Hope to resurrect Zone program.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo and seconded by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt