

## **MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING December 5, 2023**

The council meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President of Council, Ross Bittner, followed by the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL:**

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

***Absent & Excused: Mrs. Lingo***

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

### **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes with one change to page two for the November 21, 2023 meeting was made by Mr. Young with second by Mrs. Rissel. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** November 2023 Police Department Report to Council

**GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:** None

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

***Nancy Kersell (7413 Elizabeth)***

- Discuss speeding on Elizabeth, asked council to strongly consider speed humps. Concerned for safety the kids, as well as herself and residents. City manager shared that the studies had 20-30 data points, will be discussed at meeting after council.

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

- Hamilton County Report came out. Comprehensive survey, WeThrive got grant to come in and do survey of residents regarding social determinants of public health; findings came in today, just forwarded to city council. WeThrive will use this data to drive future projects.
- 35,000 WeThrive grant moved into second phase. Jacqueline Johnson-Wilkinson and Jodie Pickering are running the program in collaboration with Tree Commission, Tikun Farm and School District are meeting with Hamilton County Public Health to address action steps and dates when they need to have everything accomplished.

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

- Negotiations with Fire Department continue. In mediation phase. Second meeting with mediator on December 8, 2023.
- Part-Time Police Union contract should be at next meeting. Some minor changes (language adjustment).
- CDBG – January or February for three year block grant.

- On 12/14 the library will hold an Open House in their future location (old CVS building) from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Will have boards with renderings.
- Forest-Madison project will be bid in mid-January.
- JMA recommending Alita for Harrison project. Hoping to schedule pre-construction meeting this month.
- Christmas in Mt. Healthy on December 16. City-sponsored skating rink behind Little Dutch Bakery. Square Mile and Little Dutch will have booths set up.
- Email from Aaron Horsley on Wetlands update: 24 volunteers to remove honeysuckle, planning another post-event clean-up.
- New one year note bond rate 6.25%.
- Veterans Pavers update: 20 sold since June, plaza starting to fill up.

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

- Last reported to council in September.
- Street sweeping twice a year vs cleaning out every storm drain in city.
- Nine trees taken down that were dead at request of Urban Tree Commission; stumps grounded. Ended up removing total of 23 stumps.
- Picking up litter, mowing.
- Trucks and loader inspected for winter, repaired and ready to go.
- Still have to put up the star and streamers. Not a lot of Christmas decorations to go in town. Open to ideas.
- Salt – Contract with Springfield Township, \$80/ton, will get salt needed. Increase of \$10/ton over last year.
- Hamilton Avenue work signs still up because it is still an active work zone. If ground pavement is 40 degrees and getting colder, state can't do any paving. Between State of Ohio and paving contractor.

### **ORDINANCES**

**23-2029** An Ordinance Authorizing the City Manager to Perform All Actions Necessary to Support Continuation of a Governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, Directing the City Manager to Extend the Supply Agreement with Direct Energy Services, LLC Contract or Documents as Required, and Declaring an Emergency – ***First Reading***

**23-2030** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Elected Officials of the City of Mt. Healthy – ***First Reading***

**23-2031** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full Time Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – ***First Reading***

**23-2032** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Appointed Officials and Part Time Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – ***First Reading***

**23-2033** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full Time Fire Department Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – ***First Reading***

**23-2034** An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the City of Mt. Healthy During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024 – ***First Reading***

**23-2037** An Ordinance Assessing Costs of the Removal of Litter, Rubbish and Garbage and Declaring an Emergency. Motion to suspend first reading rule made by Mr. Parsons with second by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion, two reading rule suspended. Motion to adopt ordinance made by Mr. Roetting with second by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion. **Ordinance 23-2037 was adopted.**

**RESOLUTIONS** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Playground – CDBG money. Scott not getting a solid answer on whether playground equipment would qualify, told “probably.”

2021-2023	\$75,000 Faccade	}	Need to spend
	\$60,000 Streetscape		

Would have to go back through the process to get the street faccade changed to park equipment. Applying for park would include playground equipment and RC track in 2024-2026 grant. General discussion on grants.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Rissel with second by Mrs. Dosa. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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President of Council, Ross Bittner

  
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Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt