

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

### **December 19, 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:*** Mrs. Lingo, Mr. Parsons, Mr. Roetting, Mrs. Dosa, Mr. George, Mr. Young

***Absent & Excused: Mrs. Rissel***

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

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

Mayor James Wolf, City Manager Scott Bauer

#### **MINUTES:**

A motion to adopt the minutes as written for the December 5, 2023 council meeting was made by Mrs. Dosa with second by Mr. Parsons. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted. A motion to adopt the minutes as written for the December 5, 2023 work session was made by Mrs. Dosa with second by Mr. George. An aye vote carried the motion. Minutes were adopted.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

#### **GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS:** Special Presentation by the Mayor

- Mayor Wolf gave recognition to two residents before stepping down as Mayor; this is his last council meeting. Both residents received Key to the City.
  - Vicky Sterwerf, defends our city in a positive way.
  - Diane Kallmeyer, helpful with all community events, always volunteers.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

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

- ArtWorks project – WeThrive: Still in development stage. Now working with third community person in ArtWorks, meeting with WeThrive.
- HEAL Grant: Finished community input, creating plan in 2024. Implementation after that, works similar to Safe Routes to School.
- Schools, Tikkun, WeThrive, Wetland Forest, and Love in Action Ministries collaboration – Poetry program. Very immersive. Trips to Underground Railroad Freedom Center. Includes signage attached to trees (poetree). Solar signs around the Mt. Healthy displaying poems written by students. Funding in for this.

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

- Fire: Half day of negotiations last Friday. Safer Grant requests for new fire engine and personnel both denied. Will try again when they open up.
- Officer Ben Jones is the city's new detective; effective date February 4, 2024. This is a M-F 9:00-5:00 position.
- Decals still need to be put on new police cruiser. Is in the budget.
- CDAP: Façade improvement, due January 19, 2024.

- CDBG: Window opens up in next couple of months.
- Attended Library Open House: Poster boards in library with various renderings.
- Attended Christmas in Mt. Healthy. Good crowd, skating rink a success.
- Antique Mall: Port expects the funds will be approved, has to be approved by the State of Ohio. Not happening until middle of next year at earliest. Aspen Air given March 1 deadline to relocate. Speak with Historical Society regarding anything of historical importance. Will not let it be demolished without city going through the building ahead of time.
- Christmas Lunch tomorrow, council invited.
- Sara Danks interested in Clerk of Council position. In attendance if council members would like to talk with her after meeting.
- Shout out to Mayor, a pleasure working with him.

## **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 – Motion to adopt ordinance (accept 24 month term at 4.861 with two separate 12 month terms will lock in the formula for the rate calculation) was made by Mr. Parsons with second by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion.

***Ordinance 23-2029 was adopted.***

**23-2030** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Elected Officials of the City of Mt. Healthy – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Lingo with second by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion. ***Ordinance 23-2030 was adopted.***

**23-2031** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full Time Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting with second by Mrs. Dosa. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion.

***Ordinance 23-2031 was adopted.***

**23-2032** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Appointed Officials and Part Time Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mrs. Dosa with second by Mr. Young. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion.

***Ordinance 23-2032 was adopted.***

**23-2033** An Ordinance to Set Compensation for Certain Full Time Fire Department Employees of the City of Mt. Healthy – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Roetting with second by Mr. Parsons. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion.

***Ordinance 23-2033 was adopted.***

**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 – Motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Mr. Parsons with second by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion.

***Ordinance 23-2034 was adopted.***

**23-2035** An Ordinance to Transfer Funds from the General Fund to Other Funds Covering Budgeted Expenditures and Declaring an Emergency – Motion to suspend two reading rule made by Mr. Parsons with second by Mr. Roetting. Roll call vote carried the motion. Two reading rule was suspended. Motion to adopt the ordinance with revisions made by Mr. George with second by Mrs. Dosa. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion. **Ordinance 23-2035 was adopted.**

**23-2036** An Ordinance Amending the 2023 Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency – Motion to suspend first reading rule made by Mr. Young with second by Mr. George. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion. Two reading rule was suspended. Motion to adopt the ordinance made by Mr. Parsons with second by Mrs. Lingo. Roll call vote of 6-0 carried the motion. **Ordinance 23-2036 was adopted.**

**RESOLUTIONS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Parsons: JMA bids on Harrison. Why such a discrepancy? City Manager has not yet talked to JMA.
- Mr. Roetting: Speed humps. Part of 2023 CBDG grant or 2024? City Manager: Current (2021-2023) CBDG grant money. County advised we do a study with Streetscape funds (\$70k). Two quotes for studies, \$50k each (five street study, major street Adams Road). Extra \$20k can be used to implement study findings (e.g. purchase speed humps). One set of speed humps already ordered, should have spring of 2024. Façade improvement \$25k, already allocated.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Newly-elected Mayor and council members will be sworn in on January 2, 2024 (first meeting of the year).

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Lingo with second by Mr. Young. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

  
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President of Council, Ross Bittner

  
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Clerk of Council, Kathleen Schmidt