

MT. HEALTHY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 5, 2024

The council meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Pro Tempore of Council, Mrs. Lingo, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

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

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Jennifer Moody

MINUTES:

A motion to approve and adopt the minutes as amended for the February 20, 2024 council meeting was made by Mr. Parsons with a second by Mr. Roetting. An aye vote carried the motion 7-0. Minutes were adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

GUESTS, SPECIAL EVENTS: None.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Alex Kusчек (Kinney Ave): Came to provide an update on the Wetlands renewal project. Earlier in February there was a honeysuckle removal event with 32 volunteers in attendance. Thanks to the showing of volunteers, they were able to remove a large portion of honeysuckle along the creek as well as along the fenceline that is shared with Arlington Cemetery. A closed event will occur Saturday March 9, 2024 with a group of students from Mt. Healthy high school National Honor Society. This service project will remove wintercreeper. There is also a plan to work with a scout's Eagle project. This is an ongoing discussion with the potential to be a series of projects in the Wetlands for the entire scout troupe. There are plans in place to take the native plant order in the next few weeks with a variety of native plants to be added to the park in places where honeysuckle and other invasive plants have been cleared.

Jacqueline Johnson-Wilkinson (Mt. Healthy Alliance, 7612 Perry St.) A printed report was provided to council with an update of their accomplishments. The Alliance fed 1,300 individuals and continue to provide senior food boxes. They are recruiting for a Pantry Manager to train alongside Kathy, who hopes to move into a part time role. There has been a youth program called "Poetry Out Loud", where students are coached and encouraged to create poetry and learn diction. One of the Mt. Healthy students in this program won the local competition and went on to compete in the state competition where she advanced to compete in the national competition in May in Washington, D.C.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Jennifer Moody

Scott is in mediation and will not be able to attend the meeting this evening.

Mayor Moody acknowledged Jacqueline and the work she is doing and the partnership they have created between the youth and the Alliance. She hopes that this continues and grows into the future.

Mayor Moody along with Council Member Rissel attended the "Women in Government" networking event and photo session where everyone was supposed to wear purple.

There was a proclamation and Mayor Moody was honored to be a part of that. There was a lot of networking, including some conversations with people from Addyston who received a lot of their funding for their playground equipment through WeThrive grants. Mayor Moody presented a list of members for the Planning Commission. Everyone on the list are people who have been on it before, however term limits have changed. Members are Jennifer Moody (the mayor has to be on this commission), City Manager Scott Bauer (term up at the end of this year), Kim Cremeans, Dave Osterday and Jeff Placke.

The Mayor is reviewing Zoning Code §155 as well as looking into municipalities that have Architectural Review Boards which we were advised to create in 2016. She has looked at these boards in Hamilton, Middletown, Fairfax and met with the Mayor of Wyoming, who was willing to share what they have in their community. These are things that should be put into place as we move forward with development to determine what we want to see, especially in our core business district. This will continue to be a work in progress and eventually work into the zoning code, as well as looking again into enforcing zoning codes that are already in place.

The mayor visited Fibonacci's Bockfest. It was a huge success. There are a lot of community events that occur there, including "Pages and Pints Book Club" and "Stitch Social".

A fundraiser for Kate's Cupboard will occur on March 14, 2024 at Bacalls. Kate's Cupboard is run out of Trinity Church on Hickman and assists in the help of mothers in need in Hamilton County. They provide a crib, mattress, carseat, and diapers through the "Sweet Cheeks" non-profit, as well as baby clothes every 3 months. 10% of the proceeds from Bacalls will go to Kate's Cupboard.

It was requested that the mayor share the story of the purple jacket she was wearing. It was a coat that her mother had made. A wonderful seamstress, she was the first woman appointed to the Hamilton County Zoning Appeals Board. She was also a Colerain Township Trustee. The coat was worn to the "Women in Government" event to honor her.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: Scott Bauer None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Parsons asked for a motion to approve the following names for Planning Commission: Mayor Moody, City Manager Bauer, Kim Cremeans, Dave Osterday and Jeff Placke. A 7-0 aye vote from all members of council carried the motion. ***The Planning Commission Members were confirmed.***

Mrs. Rissel would like to call a meeting for the Street Committee for March 19, 2024 at 6pm prior to the Council Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Rissel with second by Mr. Young. An aye vote carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



President of Council, Ross Bittner



Clerk of Council, Sara Danks