

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 5, 2016**

The first semi-monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, January 5, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilman Mike Hill led the audience in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** The following answered present at roll call: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock, Scott and Van Harlingen.

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Communications were dispensed with.

### **SUSPEND RULES**

**MR. HILL:** I move with respect to all bills that come before Council tonight that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

### **MONDAY DEADLINE**

**MR. HILL:** I move that with respect to Bills 16-012 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 be suspended and that those bills be allowed on the floor tonight, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed by voice vote.

### **LEGISLATION**

#### **REVISE SEWER USER CHARGES**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 15-271**

Amending certain portions of Chapter 937 (Sewer User Charges) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to revise sewer user charges, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 15-272 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 1. Ayes: Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen. Nay: Bryant.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**APPROVE APPTS TO BOARD OF TAX APPEALS**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-001**

Approving the appointments of Mark Wilging and Paul Lintern to the Board of Tax Appeals for the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-001 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**DEMO – 19 FORD ST**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**ORDINANCE 16-002**

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (19 Ford Street) and detached garage to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 16-002 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender and Rock. Abstain: Mr. Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**AUTH MAYOR & SSD ACCEPT GRANT FOR RECYCLING & LITTER PREVENTION**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-003**

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to file an application, and if awarded, to accept a grant from the Richland County Regional Solid Waste Management Authority for recycling and litter prevention, for up to \$10,788, authorizing the execution of an agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-003 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk

**AUTH MAYOR & SSD ACCEPT FUNDING FOR METRICH**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-004**

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justices under a 2015 Subgrant in the amount of One Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$103,550) to be used for METRICH operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-004 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**APPROP \$166,129 FROM GRANT FUND TO POLICE GRANT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-005**

Appropriating the sum of One Hundred Sixty-six Thousand One Hundred Twenty-nine Dollars (\$166,129) from the unappropriated Grant Fund (#224) to the Police Grant Fund (224.15.30) Classification, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-005 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**AUTH FUNDING FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-006**

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Domestic violence Court Project in the total amount of Twenty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$25,799) to assist with the operation of the Domestic Violence Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-006 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**AUTH FUNDING FOR VETERAN'S COURT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-007**

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Veteran's Court Project in the total amount of Thirty-eight Thousand three Hundred Thirty-three Dollars (\$38,333) to assist with the operation of the Veteran's Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-007 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**AUTH FUNDING FOR DRUG COURT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-008**

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Drug Court Treatment Project in the amount of Thirty-eight Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Dollars (\$38,799) to assist with the operation of the Drug Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-008 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

### **AUTH FUNDING FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**ORDINANCE 16-009**

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Mental Health Court Project in the total amount of Thirty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-eight Dollars (\$39,748) to assist with the operation of the Mental Health Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-009 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**Pres Scott:** Before we go on further, we had 5 or 6 of these bills that we moved from Caucus to Council that were all accepting grants and those programs have been around for a long time. If we are accepting grants and it is routine can we just get it to where we pass it the same night and not hold them to three readings.

**Mr. Chris Brown:** Well, I too do not want to speak on behalf of someone else so actually and sometime it depends on the grant and the application process. I do think that is a topic of conversation worth having but I would not want to have it right now. I think we should have a committee meeting in the near future where we could discuss some type of procedure for grants.

### **EST STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE 16-010**

Establishing Standing Committees of Council, designating membership thereon for the term commencing December 1, 2015, and expiring December 31, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill that Bill 16-010 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 5, Nays: 3. Ayes: Bryant, Jefferson, Lawrence, Pender and Van Harlingen. Nays: Hill, Mears and Rock.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**Mr Mears:** I would encourage council to vote this down and rethink it.

**Mr. Jefferson:** I would like to go back in my archives in my head and when I came on this council in 1997 and I was in the minority party and we made no complaints about it. We took the duties that we were given and served. One more council member that has been on here for a long time and I do not know if recalls of democrats in the past complaining about what committees they got. They took what they got and served to the best of their ability. You cannot complain unless you can show that the committees are not doing a sufficient job.

**Mr Hill:** Having served on council for quite a few years and the reason Mr. Jefferson never had a problem was because Dave Robinson was the rules chairman and he made sure that it was evenly distributed and that there were no heavily democrat or republican committees. He tried to do it as fair and honestly as he could. I have never met a more honest man in my life then Dave Robinson.

**Mr. Jefferson:** First of all I do not think that Mr. Hill can speak for Mr. Robinson and how he appointed those committees and he is implying that the majority is being unfair for some particular reason. I do not think that is the case. We looked at it and decided that we wanted to go in this format and we thought it would work. It wasn't any power struggle or anything in that nature. We made the best decision and we have the authority to do that.

**AUTH SSD EXECUTE EASEMENT ON PORTION OF JOHN TODD PARK TO N. CENTRAL OHIO LAND CONSERVANCY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

**BY: MRS. PENDER**

**ORDINANCE 16-011**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to execute, grant, and convey a conservation easement on portions of City-owned land known as John Todd Park to the North Central Ohio Land Conservancy, Inc. and the Richland County Board of Park Commissioners pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5301.68.

Upon motion by Mrs. Pender that Bill 16-011 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock.

**APPT DARLENE MEEHAN TO CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION**

**BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**ORDINANCE 16-012**

Appointing Darlene Meehan for the term commencing December 1, 2015, and ending November 30, 2019, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Hill that Bill 16-012 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

The bill was declared passed, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion by Mr. Hill, seconded by Mr. Rock, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.

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Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council

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Phillip Scott  
President of Council