

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 16, 2016

The second semi-monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, March 16, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilman Jason Lawrence led the audience in prayer.

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

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

DEB MOUNT, 114 CLIFFBROOK DR.: I have one concern on the city budget that I believe you are going to be approving this evening, and that is the financial cut that I see to Codes & Permits. I don't see why, at this point, it would be a good idea to be cutting Codes & Permits when there's still a lot of demolitions that need to happen, like, it's definitely still a problem. I know a number of you ran last year and a lot of you mentioned blight in the campaigns, so I know you plan to probably approve it as is, but I would request you to please consider not cutting Codes & Permits but allowing them more to deal with the demolitions in a more timely manner because there are some structures that have been quite bad, they've known about for a while but it takes man hours to get it done and, so my request is that you please consider whether it's really a good idea to be cutting Codes & Permits. Also, the PRIDE money for demolitions, I noticed that some of it is intended to be spent on personal services, I'm assuming that means that somebody is going to make a salary from the PRIDE demolition money, but I understand that's not in the Codes & Permits Dept. that that person is going to be paid, so I would wonder, if you don't think there's money in the General Fund for a dedicated demolition only inspector, can you use some of the PRIDE demolition money because apparently some of it's already being used for people. So, I guess my main request is, can you consider allowing Codes & Permits one additional person to deal with demolitions only to deal with that so they can be handled in a more timely manner?

MAYOR THEAKER: The Codes & Permits individual that will be (inaudible) but the individual (inaudible)...deputy engineer which will be doing the same thing as inspections and also, plan review and other things. That money is going to Engineering but the person is going to be doing Codes & Permits overview and inspections. So we're really not cutting Codes & Permits.

DEB MOUNT: So this person will be taking care of demolitions?

MAYOR THEAKER: Actually we are adding another individual.

DEB MOUNT: So this will help with the demolition? Good.

MAYOR THEAKER: All's we're doing is shifting the money to another department, to Engineering, because Engineering, the individual's going to be a deputy engineer, in fact, that individual's still residing in Codes & Permits Dept.

DEB MOUNT: Thank you. I'll look forward to seeing that happen.

MAYOR THEAKER: As a matter of fact, that individual started yesterday. I also have a Proclamation to read.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS MONTH

MARCH - 2016

WHEREAS, multiple sclerosis (MS) is a neurological disease of the central nervous system, affecting 2.3 million people worldwide, and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Ohio Buckeye Chapter reports that in our state, more than 20,000 people are diagnosed with MS and that the disease generally strikes people in the prime of life, between ages 20 through 50, and causes unpredictable effects in which the progression, severity and specific symptoms cannot be foreseen, and the cause and cure for this often debilitating disease remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Ohio Buckeye Chapter has been committed for more than sixty five years to a world free of MS, heightening public knowledge about and insight into the disease while mobilizing people and resources so that everyone affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what has been lost, and end MS forever; and

WHEREAS, since 1946, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society has been a driving force of MS research, relentlessly pursuing prevention, treatment and a cure and has invested more than 920 million dollars in groundbreaking research; and

WHEREAS, funds raised through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fuel the efforts of more than 380 research projects globally totaling 54 million dollars annually at the best medical centers, universities and other institutions throughout the United States and abroad. Because of this MS research has never been more hopeful than it is today; and

WHEREAS, discovering the cause, finding a cure, and preventing future generations from being diagnosed with MS is an important task that all Americans and Ohio should support; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mansfield recognizes the importance of finding the cause and cure of MS, a chronic and often devastating disease, and expresses

its appreciation and admiration for the dedication that the National Multiple Sclerosis Society – Ohio Buckeye Chapter has shown toward a future free of MS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TIM THEAKER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, OHIO, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution and the laws of the great state of Ohio, do hereby proclaim March 2016 as *MS AWARENESS MONTH*, and do commend this observance to all of our citizens. I encourage all Ohioans to learn more about multiple sclerosis and what they can do to support individuals with MS and their families.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Mansfield, Ohio to be affixed this 15th day of March, 2016.

Tim Theaker, Mayor, City of Mansfield

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.

LEGISLATION

2016 BUDGET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-047

An Ordinance making final cumulative annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-040 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: 0, Nays: 8. Nays: 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.

NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-048

An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to effect a governmental natural gas aggregation program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code and directing the Richland County Board of Elections to submit a ballot question to the electors.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-048 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 – 30 BRADFORD AVE

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 16-049

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (30 Bradford Avenue) and attached garage to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and unsafe 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 16-049 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.

ACCEPT DONATION OF \$25 FOR FIRE PREVENTION

BY: MR. BRYANT

ORDINANCE 16-050

Authorizing the City to accept a donation of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) from Doug and Maxine Weber in memory of retired Firefighter Dean Scott for use by the Mansfield fire Department in the operation of its fire Prevention Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Bryant that Bill 16-050 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.

APPROP \$10,021.40 FOR CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM REVIEW

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-051

Appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Twenty-one Dollars and Forty cents (\$10,021.40) from the unappropriated General fund (#101) to the Non Departmental (101.99.99) Transfers Out Classification. This appropriation is for transfer out to the Regional Community Advancement Fund for the purpose of reimbursing the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Child Nutrition as a result of findings from the Child and Adult Care food Program Review conducted March 23,2015, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-51 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.

APPROP \$10,021.40 FOR CHILD & ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM REVIEW

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-052

Appropriating the sum of Ten Thousand Twenty-one Dollars and Forty cents (\$10,021.40) from the unappropriated Regional Community Advancement Fund (#205) to the Programs (205.62.25) Other Charges Classification for the purpose of reimbursing the Ohio Department of Education's Office for Child Nutrition as a result of findings from the Child and Adult Care food Program Review conducted March 23,2015, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-52 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.

SELL UNNEEDED PROPERTY THROUGH GOVDEALS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-053

Expressing the intent of the City of Mansfield to sell unneeded, obsolete and unfit personal property by means of Internet auction, and authorizing the Safety-Service Director to list such property for sale with GovDeals, Inc., and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-053 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.

APPROVE POST-ISSUANCE POLICY

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 16-054

Approving a written post-issuance compliance policy in connection with the City's issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations, Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 16-054 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.

GRANT LICENSE FOR LOG CABIN IN SOUTH PARK

BY: MRS. PENDER

ORDINANCE 16-055

Granting a license retroactive to January 1, 2016, to the Richland Early American Center for History (REACH) to construct and install a log cabin in south Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Pender that Bill 16-055 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.

Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council

Phillip Scott
President of Council