

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**January 7, 2020**

The First monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilman Lawrence led the audience in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** The following answered present at roll call: Meier, Van Harlingen, Davenport, Lawrence, Taddie, Scott, Falquette, and Mears. (Ward 1 Seat not yet assumed)

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Correspondence was dispensed with.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** As we move into public comment, as I mentioned, we're having Public Comment now, only during Council, not at Caucus, only and if Council members and members of administration look at their packet of materials for today, they'll there are new guidelines for citizens for City Council meetings. Sometimes, I think it's good to review what the actual guidelines are as proscribed by, in this case, Mansfield City Codified Ordinance 121-01. Basically, summarize this as a dos and don'ts, and I think it might be time to look at some of these things and that's what I did, as the new president, to look at what the Ordinances call for in terms of public comment and it allows speakers to know what to expect as well as Council members know what to expect as they learn how they are to respond. At the bottom of this handout it's designed to, as it will be handed out to speakers, to give them a sense of when they will be speaking once council starts. So, it's designed to familiarize new speakers with how it's done and when it will take place. Hopefully, the speakers will find it helpful as well as Council members. So, given that we have three speakers lined up for tonight. Carl Hunnell, from Richland Source, if you would like to take the microphone, Sir.

**CARL HUNNELL (RICHLAND SOURCE):** I have handouts, Mr. President. Trust me when I thought about doing this, when we thought about doing this at your first meeting we had no idea that you were going to be so busy tonight.

(Council murmurs as handouts are distributed.)

**CARL HUNNELL:** Good evening, my name is Carl Hunnell. I'm the City Editor of Richland Source. Mayor Theaker, Councilm.... President Mears and members of Council, on behalf of Richland Source, and there's a few of us here tonight, my boss, Larry Phillips, the Managing Editor, is here, so please say nice things about me....

(Council and audience laugh)

**CARL HUNNELL:** You don't have to laugh so loudly... (inaudible)...is here as well. On behalf of the Source, our employees and more importantly the residents of Mansfield. We thank you for the opportunity to present to you tonight The Citizen's Agenda. Last of all, Richland Source launched the most ambitious citizen engagement effort in our publication's history when we created Talked About. A six-week listening tour that had public events in every Ward in the city. Many of you here attended one or more of those

sessions and we thank you very much for your interest, even though we didn't offer you a speaking part. In the case of Mr. Van Harlingen, that was a very difficult thing for him to deal with.

(Council and audience chuckle)

**CARL HUNNELL:** Why do we do this...uh, we believe this was a critical election in Mansfield; that our goal was to refocus the prelection conversation on citizens and what they wanted to hear...candidates, such as yourselves, talk about as you campaign for their votes. We also asked residents to participate by asking questions and commenting through the open source portion of our website. We really wanted to try something new. I've been involved in covering local politics and local government around the state of Ohio for almost four decades; there I've aged myself. I've never seen anything quite like this particular attempt. These sessions and these online submissions help shape our election news coverage and they also helped lead (inaudible) as a pretty lively Mayoral debate at the Renaissance Theater, but the biggest goal of our project was the creation of the document that we've submitted to you tonight, The Citizen's Agenda. Our promise to the residents who participated in these talked vote sessions was, we would develop this agenda and present it to you as you take office and have your first meeting of the year. We believe this document shows that such collaboration among journalist, citizens and elected officials could be incredibly powerful when it's done intentionally and with an open mind. This agenda is not something that is created by Richland Source or any other entity or organization, rather it was formed by open and honest conversation by your constituents; the men and women who went to the polls in November and elected you to office. It reflects bare priorities, bare ideas, bare goals and bare hopes for the City of Mansfield in the next four years. Keep in mind this delivery tonight is not the end of the effort. It's actually just the beginning. Our hope is that you will read this document carefully and that you'll reflect upon the ideas that are put forth in it. We hope you will look at it as a blue-print going forward and you will not just glance at it and stick it on a shelf. It will be published tonight for everybody, on the Richland Source website, we wanted to make sure you had it first. It will remain on our website going forward. We promised the citizens their voice would be heard in this agenda and that our reporting efforts, going forward, on their behalf will include asking questions. We think you'll find The Citizen's Agenda interesting, enlightening and we hope thought provoking. We thank you for allowing us time this evening to share it with you and that's all I have. See, less than five minutes President Mears.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** (Chuckles) Thank you, Mr. Hunnell.

**CARL HUNNELL:** Unhuh.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Our next speaker under public comment is Kathy Boyle. Ms. Boyle, could you come to the microphone and give your name and address please?

**KATHLEEN BOYLE:** My address is 429 Pinewood Circle, Mansfield, Ohio. I do not live in the city, but I've lived in the city for almost fifty years and I have property and family that lives in the city. I'm here tonight to talk about where we can get some money for a Community Center and I think that should be on the short-term instead of a long-term thing. What this, I've got a copy here, of the Mansfield Rising Plan and in that Rising Plan it has some things that really bother me, until there is a Community Center. And one thing, it says right at the beginning, this started in 2017, the foundation leadership decided to take an unusual track to help develop an investment strategy, for Downtown Mansfield, instead of a hiring of a professional consulting firm, which that's all fine, but this was two years ago and I just contacted someone, oh, the Richland Foundation about some money...let me go back to my first track of thought. Um, for seed money for a community center, I can see where it could come from like five different places. Uh, at the last meeting the Finance Director said that there was newly found money for raises. So, some of that money. The raises were only postponed for two to four years and it looks like those raises were approved by Council backing it up. Which, Mr. Theaker would not be able to get that raise, but I think it should not be backed

up, but I don't know if it could be reopened in that area or not. Closing of nine parks, that should free up a little bit of money and I have some questions regarding that and I know it's early stage, but I'd like to have you guys think about it; donating the money to the Land Bank. And when the Land Bank sells the money, I'm dealing with the Land Bank on an issue myself right now, when the Land Bank sells a property will the money come back to the city or would it be better for the city, to make better money, by putting it on the open market and selling it through a realtor? Because, really, I own 25 properties; three of them being in the city...25 rentals...three of them being in the city and I know right now, housing prices are through the roof. There's going to be people start building and this vacant land could be used to build. I know our town needs, severely needs, I have rentals, six of my apartments, are handicap accessible and I have a lot of people that need handicap accessible places and I bought up a bunch of land over in Maddison area, over off of Sable Drive and I'm hoping that someday that it can be developed by someone that wants to go in there and build like two bedroom houses for handicap people or even just Land Bank money. You guys, instead of putting it in Land Bank, sell it to a developer who wants to build for handicap people. So many people need that, because there is not handicap accessible housing. You have to have wider doorways. Most houses do not have that. You have to have showers; all that, that are handicap accessible. So, I think of that. My mother had her leg taken off when I was five years old. Every step of the way she could not get used to wearing a leg. I met her outside and helped her in. We never had a handicap accessible place. I'd like to see that for the people. Okay. Anyway, Pride tax money could help with that. Block grant money. Um, Richland Foundation, after the seed money is collected, could help take over and the Richland Foundation, I have a book here from 2018, where the Richland County Foundation donated, through four grants, Lucas Community Center; general support...four grants...\$52,000.00. So, I'm saying if we could get something started, hire a director, use the money for that; get it going... you got a grant writer. The North End Collaboration general support: \$265,000.00. Fine. I don't mind all these other things, they're wonderful, but we need East End...peop...something for the East, people on the East End and downtown on that part of town. And that what's we're talking about, what we've been talking about for Liberty Park. We have that building that needs tore down and we have people sitting back there that pertain in our Senior activities and I'm not talking just senior. I was at Lucas and they have people come in and help with tutoring. They have a lot of different things that we could have on the East End of Mansfield, that we don't. I just had a lady call me when I was on the website, wants to have a place for cheerleading and there's all kinds of that if...that a Community Center could open up and if we had a director, you know, that would help a lot. Anyway, so that's where some of the money could come from and Richland Foundation could support it long-term. Mansfield Rising plan....

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** I'm sorry Mrs. Boyle, it's gone quite a bit over time.

**KATHLEEN BOYLE:** Oh, is it? Okay.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yeah. What I might suggest is perhaps you could have a meeting...suggest a public hearing with Parks Department for maybe more open discussion and debate, but for public comment I think what you have to say is fairly lengthy and you may wish to share that from a public hearing basis.

**KATHLEEN BOYLE:** Or I could come back the next meeting and...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** And that would be fine too.

**KATHLEEN BOYLE:** Because I had some pages out of the Mansfield Rising Plan that I'd like to talk about.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** You're welcome to come back on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**KATHLEEN BOYLE:** Okay, Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you. Our last speaker is Mrs. Oreo, for public comment. Would you, again take the microphone, give us your name and address please.

**OREO:** Hi. Happy New Year everyone. My name is Oreo I live at 86 Smith Avenue. Born and raised in Mansfield, proud to be a citizen, especially of Mansfield. Uh, some of the questions that I had for Council this evening, have kind of been answered through the Parks Department. I read an article in the paper about the 9 parks that are going to be transferred or supposedly transferred in. As you well know, we've been gearing for a community center on the East End, possibly at Liberty Park. One of the Parks that you guys were talking about earlier. About a half of an hour walk-way between one park to Liberty Park. Well, Liberty Park is boarded up all upstairs and the downstairs is all open. You could not hold any kind of activity in the winter there. So, we're hoping that even a remodel to enclose that, out a couple of bathrooms in there where people can go in throughout the year and enjoy themselves. You know, they've got the swing, the pool the other things like that, like some of the other larger parks have; like North Lake Park, like Burton Park. You know, some of the things that the citizens can enjoy. Also, with the parks being turned over to the Land Bank, would that money go back into the Parks Department or would that be part of the Pride? So, you know, I'm not sure and I'm sure you folks aren't sure yet without further discussion with all of that. But, it is an ongoing issue that we do need a place for our seniors and our whole community for different things, just like Kathy Boyle spoke up and said; cheerleading practice, you know, they have other things like computer services, some places where we used to be they used to bring in meals for the low income. They used to have Richland County Health Department come in and check blood pressures and cholesterol and things like that, that we no longer have as part of the East End of Mansfield and I think it's an ongoing need and I really hope that with all this divesture of the nine parks and the new year coming up that we can formulate a plan to get this North Park, Liberty Park, uh, park available for the community. So, and I do want to make one final comment and when I say this, I'm not trying to be mean and I'm not trying to be hateful, but as part of your council guidelines, that was given to me after I signed in, now does this just apply for, like myself and the other citizens that are speaking or does it also apply to the Council?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Only to residents that chose to speak at a public hearing.

**OREO:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Like this.

**OREO:** Well, I might make...can I make suggestion?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** You certainly can.

**OREO:** Well, the Council's, like do not use profane, derogatory comments and things like that, all of these people, and one in particular, and I'm not going to name names but, they should read this over. Because, I was a witness to some very unfortunate conversation the last time I was here from one of the members that is sitting up here.

(Murmurs from the audience)

**OREO:** No, I'm not going to say it, because don't want to...

**AUDIENCE GUEST:** Say it.

**OREO:** Well...

**AUDIENCE GUEST:** It's got to be said.

**OREO:** Mayor Theaker approached Kathy Boyle and he was very hateful to her and he said, "I was going to get you folks a senior center, but now I'm going to make sure you don't get one." Now that's totally unprofessional and totally uncalled for. But, I'm not trying to start a fight and I'm not trying to be mean, but if we as a public have to abide by these rules, then everybody up there should have to abide by them. So, I appreciate your time and I hope everyone has a good year and thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay. Thank you all very much for taking the time and coming. We, as a Council, do appreciate what you have to say. So, thank you for coming and making an effort to make your thoughts known. Very much appreciated.

END OF DISCUSSION

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:**

**DIRECTOR COPE:** One thing Sir, is that we didn't get the handout that you handed...those...no one in this top row has one. Just, if we could get one. Thank you. Just as some point, but nothing else, Sir.

(Murmurs)

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you.

**MONDAY DEADLINE**  
NONE

**SUSPEND RULES**

**COUNCILMAN FALQUETTE:** 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 Mrs. Meier. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0.

**APPROVING APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS BY MAYOR: UTILITY APPEALS**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-001**

**ORDINANCE# 20-001**

Approving appointments and reappointments by the Mayor to the Board of Utility Appeals.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-001 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**CLAIM: ANGELA HARRIS**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-002**

**ORDINANCE# 20-002**

Authorizing payment of the claim of Angela Harris, 455 Lexington Avenue Mansfield, Ohio 44907 and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-002 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE: CHAPTER 121 JULY AND NOVEMBER**

**BY: MR. FALQUETTE**

**BILL# 20-003**

**ORDINANCE# 20-003**

Amending portions of Chapter 121 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Mansfield regarding the rules of Council to change meeting dates in July and November.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 20-003 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Ms. Taddie. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Ms. Taddie. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**JASON LAWRENCE:** This will take effect this year? Is it an emergency, or will that schedule change this year or...?

**CLERK AMY:** It'll take 30 days to go into effect, but will be before July, so....

**JASON LAWRENCE:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further discussion? Yes, Councilwoman Taddie.

**JEAN TADDIE:** At what point did we want to decide if we were going to move the March one? Will that...?

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** I can bring that up next week.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Next week? Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Further discussion? Okay.

**AMENDING PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 198 OF CODIFIED ORDINANCE**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-004      \*1<sup>st</sup> Read**

**ORDINANCE# 20-004**

Amending portions of Chapter 198 of the Codified Ordinance of the City of Mansfield regarding contracts under fifty thousand dollars, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott, that Bill 20-004 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO KNIPP'S TREE SERVICE: \$3,800.00**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-005**

**ORDINANCE# 20-005**

Authorizing payment to Knipp's Tree Service LLC in the amount of three thousand eight hundred dollars (\$3,800) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-005 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING SSD TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE DONATIONS FROM NORFOLK SOUTHERN**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-006**

**ORDINANCE# 20-006**

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate donations from the Norfolk Southern Foundation in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to be used for the City's Police Athletic League (PAL) Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-006 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING PWD TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE DONATION FROM KOKOSING:  
\$5,000.00**

**BY: MRS. MEIER**

**BILL# 20-007**

**ORDINANCE#20-007**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to be used for the City's Parks and Recreation Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 20-007 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 27.011 ACRES OF LAND**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-008**

**ORDINANCE# 20-008**

Accepting the annexation of approximately 27.011 acres of land located on west side of South Illinois Avenue, and located generally on the southeasterly corporation limits of the City, to the City of Mansfield from Madison Township, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-008 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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



**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT REVISED AND AMENDED ANNUAL PLANS TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT**

**BY: MS. TADDIE**

**BILL# 20-009**

**ORDINANCE#20-009**

Authorizing the Mayor to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development a revised and Amended Annual Plans to reallocate an accumulative Sixty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Forty-six and 57/100 Dollars (\$69,546.57) in previously allocated but unused Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG); Five-Hundred Four and 41/100 Dollars (\$504.41) in previously allocated but unused Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds; and One-Hundred-Fifty-Eight Thousand Eighty-seven and 18/100 Dollars (\$158,087.18) in previously allocated but unused Program Income from Ohio's Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) converted to CDBG Program Income, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 20-009 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING PWD TO ADVERTISE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT FRO 2020 SANITARY SEWER**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-011**

**ORDINANCE#20-011**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-011 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**DECLARING INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN IMPROVEMENTS FOR HOME ROAD**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-013**

**ORDINANCE# 20-013**

Declaring the intent to participate in the improvement of a portion of Home Road in cooperation with Springfield Township.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-013 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**RESOLUTION: WHEREAS STATE OF OHIO DESIRES TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PARCELS OF LAND**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-014**

**ORDINANCE# 20-014**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio desires to acquire a certain parcel or parcels of land for highway purposes on and over certain lands, owned by this Corporation, and more particularly described as follows:

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-014 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0.

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-015**

**ORDINANCE# 20-015**

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-0015 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. (Re-vote, miss-hit button).

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF APPROXIMATELY 27.011 ACRES OF LAND**

**RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY: FLOOD MITIGATION**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL# 20-016**

**ORDINANCE# 20-016**

Resolution authorizing the purchase of real property, the purchase of a flood mitigation easement interest in real property, the granting of an access easement in real property, and approving a purchase agreement, flood mitigation easement agreement and access easement agreement.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-016 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0. (Re-vote, miss-hit button)

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there any discussion? Councilman Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Mr. President, as this is kind of a milestone piece of legislation, being the final piece of the real estate puzzle for the Touby Run flood mitigation project. I think everybody involved, especially Mr. Bianchi, who brings us fine maps and explanations of what's going on, we done good so far and I hope we can continue to move forward, But, I just wanted to mark that this was a monumental piece right now.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Well said, Councilman Falquette. Is there any other discussion on this bill? Okay.

**END OF DISCUSSION**

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE:** Yes, I would just like to say that you done a fine job Mr. President and could we possibly get some training on how to vote...

(Laughter erupts through-out room)

**COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE:** With the buttons...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** I think we can work that into Council Mr. Lawrence...thank you very much.

**(More Laughter)**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any other business? Mr. Falquette.

**MR. FALQUETTE:** Mr. President, uh, thee, uh, Mansfield Area Park Run Group, is having their third annual Park Run on January the 18<sup>th</sup> at nine o'clock.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Cool.

**MR. FALQUETTE:** Um, it'll be, um, some stuff that goes on, probably ten minutes before and there's going to be refreshments and things afterward at the North Park Pavilion. So, walk, run, bring a baby, bring a dog, whatever you want to do; um, it's a fun time and everybody should be there. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** This is the eighteenth of January?

**MR. FALQUETTE:** The eighteenth of January.

**MR. LAWRENCE.:** What's the distance?

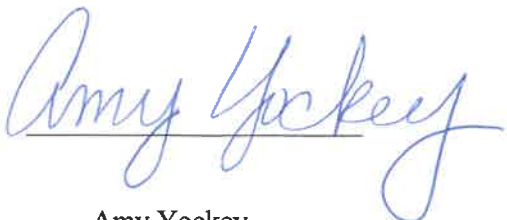
**MR. FALQUETTE:** Um, Five K; but, as far as you want to go. Happy to let you turn around early.

**(Chuckles)**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there anything else to come before Council tonight?

**END OF DISCUSSION**

**ADJOURN:** Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, seconded by Mrs. Meier, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council



Cliff Mears  
President