

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 21, 2020

The Second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, January 21, 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: Burns, Meier, Van Harlingen, Davenport, Lawrence, Taddie, Scott, Falquette, and Mears.

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

### Public Comments:

**MRS. (KATHLEEN) BOYLE:** Kathy Boyle 429 Pinewood Circle. I've been coming here off and on for the last six months. There was an incident that happened; I didn't get a chance to bring it up last time, but on December 17<sup>th</sup> after Council Meeting, I was approached by Mr. Theaker and he was upset with me for not getting his huge raise and I understand that, but, there's no reason for retroactive raises. I know that it ended up getting voted in for the next time, uh, in two years, fours, no one ever gets ten thousand dollar raises at one time, but anyways, you guys have to live within the means of our county and so far from what I'm hearing and how you appropriate money and stuff, I don't disagree with anything and not that I'm anybody to disagree, but I am a citizen and I paid city taxes all my life. Anyway, keep talking about the Mansfield rising Plan and I noticed some things and I printed it off and I've read it. Has everybody ready it? Did anybody notice that first of all it talks about these fifteen young people going to Austin Texas, Austin Texas, where we were talking about raises coming from, for some of the members here. Anyway, population in Austin Texas, I just got it off of Google, seven hundred, ninety thousand people. Richland County's forty-six thousand, so let's put that in perspective; they have fifteen to sixteen times the population as Mansfield just doesn't have the money for this type of (inaudible) plan. Some of the things in here are good and I agree with. Course, I'm an old person and I'm somebody that was deliberately, not just me but, my age group was deliberately left out, off of this Mansfield Rising Plan and I forgot to stop, start, start my timer, but anyway, page five; you don't have to read in to, go in to far to notice page five says, the team that went to S.X., S.W. in Austin Texas, is diverse and steers the young, fifteen citizens the average age is under forty and that's absolutely intentional, 'fresh ideas come from fresh eyes who are being tapped for the first time in helping their community'; that's fine and good, but let's add some seniors into something like this. It doesn't necessarily have to be me, but right down below here it says 'the team looks like Mansfield too, the members are all colors, genders, and backgrounds, but just know all people.' Come-on, that's not even right. And if you look back a little further, it says 'a possible community center'. That's what I keep coming for. That should be at the forefront of Mansfield Rising Plan. Before we get all this traffic in here and all these different things. And a lot of the ideas in here are for Austin Texas ideas, because a lot of it just for outdoor activities that we only have three months out of a year to able to utilize. Let's get the community swimming pool. I'm sayin', Liberty Park, if it spent its time, like it says in here, let's build a new pool at Liberty Park, let's get the community center, senior center, whatever, at Liberty Park and also, there's a skate park that keeps getting brought up. If you guys want, I say, kids to kill their selves, because that's what happens when there hittin' their head on these skate boards and going crazy...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** I'm sorry to interrupt Mrs. Boyle...

**MRS. BOYLE:** ... you might as well be on roller-skates...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** ... but you're over time....

**MRS. BOYLE:** Okay...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Could you wrap it up please?

**MRS. BOYLE:** We need a roller-skating rink. If anybody takes the time and reads the obituary, or the obituaries, you wouldn't believe how many people have met their significant other at the Mansfield Colosseum. I would love to see a colosseum and community center ahead of a lot of this stuff.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes, Sir.

**PHIL SCOTT:** If I may address something. She referred to...yes, the means..., the plan was out of the conference that was in Texas, that was people from all over the Country that went there. It wasn't, it's what Austin Texas does and so that's therefore what we should do in Mansfield. This plan has been developed by people in this town; those fifteen people that went. I think this has been a great plan. It's not one where somebody flies in from L.A., does a study and the plan is put on the shelf, and nothing is happened. These are people that are invested in our community. It's nothing that just happened in Austin Texas. So, if you get the conception that this is something that is designed to happen, to happen in Austin, Texas, that a wrong conception. This, this is done by people that live in this town, and maybe the people that went were younger. I'm probably one of the older ones here, but we've got to look forward to the younger people in this town. And, you know I keep hearing about the community center, the senior center, like I said I'll be sixty-five next year, next month. Next month, I'll be sixty-five next month, and I'm all for a senior center, but in your presentations, I've heard about on the East Side. Well, I represent people all over this town. I'm voted, I'm voted, At-Large, I'm voted by people all over this City of Mansfield. I can tell you right now if it comes to a community center that's designed to just be on the East Side, I will vote against it. I think that it needs to be centrally located.

**MRS. BOYLE:** I was just talking about Liberty Park's a beautiful area to have it.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Well...

**MRS. BOYLE:** And... Austin Texas...

**PHIL SCOTT:** That could be comment to some of the discussion, but...I'm just sayin'...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** If I may interrupt, this is not to be a back and forth...

**PHIL SCOTT:** I'm sorry...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Discussion...but, the Councilman's got good point a, I agree, and I thank you for your clarification, that Austin, Texas was the meeting site only.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Right.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Meeting site. So, thank you for that clarification. Councilman Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Mr. President, just as far as the Mansfield Rising went, there's some financial commentary that was just made. This was just completely funded by private individuals. Richland County Foundation was a huge contributor, um, it was worked with The Chamber of Commerce; although City Council approved it, City Council had absolutely no monetary commitment to the plan at all as I recall and I just to clarify that, city funds, no city funds were used to send people there.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** That's absolutely correct. Thank you for that clarification, Councilman Falquette. We have one other person for public comment, that's Lori Crawford.

**MR. (LONNIE) CRAWFORD:** Lonnie.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Lonnie. Sorry. Lonnie Crawford.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Do I have to come all the way up here?

**JASON LAWRENCE:** Yes.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Or can I just stand back here?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** I'd appreciate it if you would come up to the microphone, we do minutes...

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** ... and it helps us transcribe these.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** My question is, concern is, is there an ordinance or anything in place where the residents in the City of Mansfield should have trash containers? And you know, um to put their trash in because you ride around, especially in our neighborhood and it's in bags and they just set it on the curb and you have cats and dogs and everything else that gets into the bags and the next thing you know our whole entire neighborhood is covered with, um, trash.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Could you state your address?

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Oh, um, 235 East Statrch Street, Mansfield, here in Mansfield, Ohio. It's just a lotta, it's a lotta trash. And people just throw anything, you ride, basically in the City of Mansfield, you can just ride around and there's trash bags everywhere. Trash is just flowing through the city like it's just a big dump. So, is there any kind of ordinance where everybody's supposed to have a trash can, or something? I guess that's my question.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Not to my knowledge, Sir. Unless another Council person is familiar with this issue and would like to make a comment, but I don't think that there is...

**JEAN TADDIE:** I'd like to comment on that, but...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes.

**JEAN TADDIE:** But I don't know if the Law Director has to jump in on anything on that...

**DIRECTOR SPON:** I'm not aware of any requirements, specifically, that every residence has to have a

garbage can. But, obviously they're littering, uh, Littering Regulation prohibiting littering, and as a matter of practicality, if you have a street and then people are littering, unless one can identify who's doing the littering, or illegal disposal of garbage, there's not much that can be done.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Well, you can ride around that City of Mansfield and you can see trashbags sittin' in front of people's homes, just full of trash...

**DIRECTOR SPON:** Yes.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** I mean food, tires...or whatever. You can go, I can take you to different city in to crime infested areas and you don't see that. You don't see that. You see trash in containers. As soon as you come to Mansfield this is what you see.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** Well, I'll check with Codes and Permits...

**MR. CRAWFORD:** I mean you ride on any side of the town, this is what you see-trash.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** I'll check with Codes and Permits and see.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** I, I called Codes and Permits this morning.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** What did they say?

**MR. CRAWFORD:** ...And they directed me to call City Council. I called the Mayor's office, I called City Council and then I finally got ahold of, uh, Ms. Jean. And this is why I'm here, because this is ridiculous to uh, ride through Mansfield, the City of Mansfield and all you see is trash. Here's Mansfield and here's outside of Mansfield. Outside of Mansfield you don't see that. You out by Cook Road you don't see it. You go out by Cline Avenue you don't see it. You go outside of Mansfield you don't see that trash. But, as soon as you coming this circle right here in Mansfield, whatever side of town you on is just full of trash and that needs to come to an end. Somebody needs to enforce something to stop it.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** I'll check into it with, through, my office and see what regulations or ordinances exist. Um, it's not as simple as issue as one might meet the eye. The question is if you have people living at a residence, and they have a bag outside that has garbage in it and it's not in a can, let alone how's it being disposed of, those are all separate issues, but I'll check into it.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Yeah.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** Nobody on City Council or city official wants garbage to accumulate in the city, so, I'll certainly look into it and what, if anything, can be done.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** And not only, not only, is it a problem and not only does it make the, make the area that I live in or whoever else live in, in this inner city it, it looks terrible, it looks you know, just down. It also brings in a lot of crime and drugs, because of the fact that I'm in a filthy area, so I'm gonna sit here and I'm gonna do exactly what I want to do, I'm gonna sell the drugs I'm gonna have crime infested, because they're not going outside that circle.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you Mr. Crawford I appreciate your comments...

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** Yes, Sir.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** ...And thank you, Director Spon.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes.

**JEAN TADDIE:** May I address that briefly? First of all, Law Director, I will take any information that you're able to scrounge up on that subject, as the Council Clerks will know, I've been having them copy all the legislation, not only related to what a personal is responsibility is, to have their garbage removed or trash removed once a week to keep their garbage in a manner that is not getting strewn all over the neighborhood, that is safe from animals, it protects the public good; these are current laws. It's hard to enforce, because every person on the street has a different garbage day. There's nothing regulating that. I also learned that every garbage truck needs to be licensed, but if you go and look on the City's website, and you look at how many contractors are licensed, there's only four. And I would challenge us all to look and see if the person you're paying is a licensed contractor in Mansfield. Um, so, I would say that we are not capturing all the revenue that we could from these companies and that we are not getting enough people to step up and be licensed contractors. So, any information, anyone in this community as a whole, in the body of council or in the community, that is interested in cleaning this city up; getting the tires, mattresses, the bags of trash off the street and I will tell you, from our person that ran litter prevention for twenty some years, that East Arch Street has been a problem for decades. And I've turned in dozens of tires, one week after another getting dumped there. So, anybody wants to get on that bandwagon with me; look me up.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further comments or questions on this issue? Director Spon?

**DIRECTOR SPON:** Most cities the size of Mansfield or smaller do not provide city hauling for garbage. In more and more cities, even cities that have provided the garbage pickup are getting out of the business, because it's not cost effective and it's very expensive, so the average responsible citizen has their garbage removed by a private hauler. Question is what about the irresponsible, uh, citizens that are allowing garbage to accumulate and then unfortunately become dispersed by people, or animals, or otherwise, we'll what kind of thing can be done.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** I appreciate it. Not only on my side... But the whole entire city.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Yes.

**MR. CRAWFORD:** ...Of Mansfield.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Yes.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you Director Spon.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further comments on this issue? Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

### **MONDAY DEADLINE**

**COUNCILWOMAN BURNS:** I move with respect to Bill 20-018 that the rule requiring Legislations be submitted by Monday at four PM, be suspended and that Bill 20-018 be allowed on the floor this evening, seconded by Mr. Falquette: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

### **SUSPEND RULES**

**COUNCILWOMAN BURNS:** I move with respect 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. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0.

### **SPECIAL MOTION**

**COUNCILMAN FALQUETTE:** Mr. President. I'd like to interject a motion at this time, regarding the March 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting. I move that the March 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting be postponed one day to March 18<sup>th</sup>, for the Year 2020. The vote was taken and resulted as follows Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

**LAURA BURNS:** And I second it.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any discussion on the measure? Yes.

**JEAN TADDIE:** Just one point. That we will move the Public Affairs Committee meeting that was scheduled for march 17<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup> as well. So, we'll go ahead and schedule that in for 6:30 March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is this all for the same measure?

**JEAN TADDIE:** Well however you... if you...Technically, somebody else called the Public Affairs Committee. I didn't call it.

**CLERK:** Yeah, we'll just schedule it.

**JEAN TADDIE:** So, I'm calling it.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay. That's fine.

**JEAN TADDIE:** I don't think we need a motion.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-004**

**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. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 2, Nays: 6.

DEFEATED

**DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** In regards to this bill; I had went to Board of Control last week with the express purpose to try and to, uh figure out what type of project this legislation will affect. Uh, did not really come away from that meeting with that information that I was looking for and um, I want to say at this point and time, I do not feel I have the information to make an educated decision on how to vote on this bill. Um, I don't know if we can have a deeper discussion now or if a committee meeting needs to be called, but, I'm simply making a statement that at this point and time I do not have adequate information to vote on this particular legislation and I'm going to differ to the Chairman to decide how we handle that there.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Mr. Van Harlingen.

**MR. VAN HARLINGEN:** Thank you for your comments there, Mr. Davenport. There's been a, this is a far-reaching bill that I'm personally kinda concerned about and the reason that I asked to move it forward another two weeks. Um, myself and the sponsor of this bill, we, we do share the same concerns with the budget. I think that we're trying to go down two different paths though. Basically, this bill, my concern, is so far reaching and a blanket type situation, when we limit our spending when we limit our spending to \$24,999.00, well, \$25,000.00. What happens is. What my concern is, I did a little more checking. It sort-ta supersedes everything that we do with the temporary budget. When we put a temporary budget in place we are allowing and funding the Finance Department to proceed with the beginning bills at the beginning of the year. This what would happen, what would happen is the Finance Director, just to give you a couple of examples, at the beginning of the year the she has to open up PO's right as soon as everybody gets back from the first. January first, we got Richland County Commissioners, credit card fees, we got Property Liability Insurance. All the utilities. Bond debt payments, they're...it, it touches almost every division in the city and that's, this Bill doesn't really even address that. It's just a blanket line item right across the board-anything \$25,000.00 you've gotta open a PO. The Finance Department would then have to bring legislation for every one of those vendors to Council to be approved, prior to her being able to pay any vendors and, and at this time of year, that's a little scary. Now the other thing that I would have a

very serious concern about, late in the year, the Engineering Department, Mr. Bianchi, he opens up, he brings legislation to this Council for, oh basically just bids for the entire year for different divisions, and what I have here is a list: fire hydrants, concrete, chlorine, soda, cosmic-soda, activated carbon, whatever. One of my big concerns is that we're authorizing the Engineer to open bids once a year for the best bidder and what he does is, he services some of these different divisions, being water/ sewer and then waste water treatment and also water treatment plant, from these lists of chemicals that we open these bids for, and I've very concerned about, these PO's are opened up immediately on the first. Right after the first of the year. So once again, every one of those vendors, over \$25,000.00, has to come to Council, get authorization before the Finance Director can open up a PO to pay these vendors. This isn't something that wasn't necessarily taken into consideration when this, when this piece of Legislation came forward. I personally, have had a few things on my radar for the last four or five years that the author and myself and other members of Council, would totally agree. I've had conversations in the past concerning these, but these are legal. The PO's, the PO's and the work is signed by Administration and it goes through the Finance Department and they are paid. A few examples of these and this is where I keep talking about maybe transparency, I think that this is, I know that this is what this Legislation wants to cover. I'm just gonna give a couple examples. This is not a common thing, I don't want anybody to get the wrong impression, it happens from time to time and they are just very few and far between. One of the best examples is right outside our back door. I'm going to pick on the engineering department this time and or our maintenance department, administration, what-have-you. We had a situation that had been talked about many a-times; about where our maintenance department is storing their salt, their Kaboda, and their equipment. It was in a very damp/wet atmosphere with all the salt and these things, this equipment was rotting. You could take a piece of iron, set it in that room, give it a year and it would be nothing, but solid rust. So, what happened? On the corner of Third and Adams a project was created, there was three different vendors. Thee, and I think everybody's aware of where I'm talking, just outside the back door here, Third and Adams. Richland Builders put the building up for \$43,000.00, under the \$50,000.00 mark. Thompson asphalt, did the asphalt. Our city people did a lot of the excavating and moving some dirt around, \$29,000.00. Concrete, curbs and sidewalks, had to put in curbs and sidewalks, \$44,000.00. So, that total project came up to \$117,000.00, for an example, a little bit more. And it was done proper. But, the way the Legislation reads and what we're used to, if it's over \$50,000.00, it's gotta go to Council, it's gotta go the Board of Control. But, there was three different vendors involved in this project. It was a legal expenditure. Council just really wasn't aware of it, unless you were looking out the door and you drove by it every day. We saw it. There was another one that occurred and I picked this one intentionally. Um, well, not intentionally, excuse me. I picked on Engineering. I've got examples with the P.D... That's where I first saw this, these types of things close to five years ago. Fire Department not too long ago. What we had in the budget was for concrete work; aprons, driveways, what-have-ya. The same contractor did the same work. There was three different Po's that were opened up, \$35, 600.00, \$27,400.00, \$37,400.00; all legal, all proper, the money was already appropriated through the Capital for that year, but it was three PO's. Why, why the three PO's? Once again, I don't know. Same vendor, maybe they got a better deal. I don't know. I feel that these things should be more transparent to Council if we are going to fund the projects. We just don't always know that they're getting done. Now I asked Director Cope here, uh, Director Cope, Director Stewart, uh, for her comments, because I am very concerned. This is the time of year that I'm not so sure, the Finance Department trying to close out the prior year, we're working on the Temporary Budget, trying to, they're trying to put a two thousand and twenty budget in place, they're busy. Director do you have any numbers on how many PO's we might have, or how many pieces of Legislation just to get our gas and electric and just our basic utilities together for the beginning of the year?

**DIRECTOR STEWARD:** I think that there was fifty, I think fifty-seven PO's so far that are \$25,000.00 or more.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Fifty-seven? Okay. And that's just to keep the lights and, well, that could



involve several things.

**DIRECTOR STEWARD:** All of them are just for normal, annual, operating expenses. And I sent out an email this morning, to all of you, maybe suggesting some different wording could be used, where a multi-vendor project is going to go over whatever project that's going to go over whatever threshold you would want; so, you know that it is made aware to Council, not just Board of Control. Because, the Board of Control, the administration has two votes and I have one. So, it's really, it can cause problems, you know with getting along with the administration, you, you know the departments get mad when I bring up stuff and I can't say no to anything. I can do is bring up things and then everybody's mad at me. So, I guess if Council wants to know more about what's happening, you need to work with the Law Department to come up with some legislation.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I have to snicker, excuse me Director, they get mad at you, but you get mad at me, because I keep harping on this stuff and you don't, and you're just doin' your job. (multiple chuckles) If it's outta whack, she lets us know. Anyways, like I said the first time, I'm gonna be real honest here, I'm gonna pick on the police department now. The first time I noticed this I got a call from the, uh, from a citizen, it was a building that was being constructed on city property under the control of the Mansfield Police Department, and they wanted to know what was going on where was their tax dollars going? I didn't have an answer for them. So, I drove by, it was a busy street, I started looking into it and that's where it started. It was probably four or five, probably five years ago. I would like to get together with the proper authorities, that we can put some Legislation together, that would not supersede what we've been doing for all these years. If this legislation, if this legislation were to pass it probably would have shut us down unto the Finance Department had enough time to put it all the legislation requests together, for us to authorize for us to pay the electric bill. And we only meet every two weeks. I'm going to say it again I appreciate the spirit of the Legislation, but I think that it goes too far. We've gotta be a little more specific on what we're trying to accomplish here. When we're spending these kinds of money; one of the examples I gave you, it was well over a hundred, it was a hundred seventeen thousand five hundred and eighty-four dollars. Our policy requires anything over fifty has to come before Council and also the Board of Control. The way things are right now, it doesn't have to. So, I'm concerned about this piece of legislation. I cannot support it. I'm very concerned about it, but I think that we're heading down the right track to make some adjustments, to where we can satisfy everybody. We need a little time. Any questions or comments?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Director Spon, you had your hand up.

**DIRECTOR SPON:** I, I agree. It goes too far because it becomes impractical, given the fact that most of these bills are ordinary, reoccurring, annual, bill that have to be paid, but when you get into the issue; multi-vendor, and the ramifications of what has to be competitively bid and not competitively bid; becomes more, a more, complex system, but eh, if you're talking about the uh, multi-vendor project that, eh, is equivalent to, let's say a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, then, maybe under those circumstances, uh, there can be a requirement to have some legislation to present it; present it to City Council. It'd be a type of advice and consent. In other words, we're advising that we have this project and it's going to cost a hundred and fifty thousand dollars involving multiple vendors and we're asking City Council to consent to the same and by virtue of requirement they have legislation, then at the same time, if it's done timely, it may help out and assist in formulating the permanent budget for the year. So, that's the only thought that I have on it.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you, Director Spon. Any further comments? Councilman Falquette.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. President. A couple things, just to clarify, I'm the one who sponsored this; strictly for the temporary period, it doesn't go on forever, it's only until permanent budget

is adopted. So, if the permanent budget were to be adopted in February, this would be over with. I based the twenty-five thousand dollars on the Board of Control. Board of Control meeting, uh, minutes come out on a routine basis. There's normally only one or two items on there. So, I'm, now I'm maybe alarmed and maybe I'm just ignorant, uh, how there's fifty some items that were over twenty-five thousand dollars. My understanding is that they should go to Board of Control; there's no way that there were fifty some line items on the last Board of Control thing. Even if it was ten per meeting... um, there was only a couple per meeting. So, I, ...I'm almost more alarmed now. That, how, fifty items, since the beginning of January, went through Board of Control and the meeting announcements are only announcing one or two items.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Director Steward, would you like to address that?

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** She may want to come up to the microphone, so we can hear her better. Thank you, Director Steward.

**DIRECTOR STEWARD:** Well, the the wording in that proposed legislation says contract and a purchase order is a contract. So, the purchase orders are say, to Ohio Edison, we don't have to bid that out because we only have one electric company to pay. Um, it doesn't have to go to Board of Control because of that too. Um, some of the PO's were already bid out in the fall, but to me this wording, that even though they were bid out, to set up this purchase order and send it to the vendor would require Council approval. So...

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I would...

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Mr. Van Harlingen.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I would like to mention, while we have the director here. Engineering gets into multiple year... these projects will stretch out two or more years and quite often, when these contracts are brought, and or brought to Council, it's going to span over two or three years. The one thing that I notice, Uh. Straub Road water tower. Three-year contract. Well over fifty thousand dollars for the maintenance agreement to keep this thing going. Instead of approving it one time through Legislation, the contract, and the whole thing; authorizing the Finance Director to keep this going until it, 'til it's over and expires. She just automatically does that. Legislation's just there and ready to go. Woodland Reservoir. We had a little problem, Mr. Bianchi, Tri-eth- etlethim... (Chuckles in room) One of them chemicals. There's a problem sitting a tank too long you gotta keep this stuff moving, aerate it and it keep it moving, and blah,blah,blah and this is once again one of those, once again, multi-contracts, um, and I'm kinda just coming off what the Finance Director said; a PO's considered a contract and if it had, a lot of these PO's; Fire Department, right off the get-go, They got what we'll call, well, some of them are super PO's and some of them are just multi-vendor, but transport billing fees and things like this: EMS, Hursh Drugs; I mean these are things that they need now, they can't wait and you know there's so many pieces of legislation on these PO's, it would bring everything to a standstill. So, I think we'd need to be more specific on what we're concerned with when it comes to projects not general operating just to get us through the year. I also in, also I took a look at some of these projects that I'm looking at that I'm concerned about. First quarter of the year everybody's being real good and real tight. Cause they don't know what we're going to do at the end of March with the final budget. So, some of the two, the projects I was looking at; Third and Adams, that was in September, I mean we're into the third quarter, and one of the other ones is June and July. Everybody's waiting to see how much money they have. They're not in a big hurry they're not trying to spend it in the first quarter, because they don't want to come back to us and ask for more, cause we're gonna ask why? So, these projects don't happen in the first quarter. What I've seen, in the past, has been, in the second half of the year. And a lot of these projects were outside so they're trying to beat the winter months and it's not necessarily in the winter it's usually in the late summer or fall.

**DIRECTOR STEWARD:** Usually, when capital is in the temporary budget, we still hold off on approving those purchase orders to make sure revenue's coming in and most years unless it's something that has to be done for safety issues or public health or safety; it waits until August, September, you know to, just to make sure all the revenue's coming in, like it should.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further discussion? Yes.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** At this point I just have a question. Because a lot just came out in that discussion. Um, are we going to have, are we voting on this bill tonight or are we going to call a Finance Committee Meeting for the next two weeks?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Well, we had a committee meeting two weeks ago.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Right.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Okay.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** So, are we proceeding with the vote on this bill today?

**PRESIDENT:** I think we are.

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** I have absolutely no problem with a vote tonight. Uh, if you want to have another Committee Meeting, I'm definitely not going to change my mind. I'm very concerned about this it's too wide spread. Thee, I don't know it just... I think we need to be more specific in where we want to go. Like I said a few minutes ago, I agree and I understand what Mr. Falquette is concerned about and looking at, but our General Operating can't be a part of our Bill and that's what it is right now. Not to get through the first couple months of the season or of the years. (Inaudible)

END OF DISCUSSION

**AUTHORIZING PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR/ RESURFACING CERTAIN STREETS BY:**

**MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL # 20-010**

**ORDINANCE # 20-015**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for resurfacing certain streets, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-010 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

**CLERK:** Can I get a second.

**DAVID FALQUETTE:** Second!... I was still wounded. (joking voice- laughter all around)

END OF DISCUSSION

**AUTHORIZING PWD TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS: STRIPING PROGRAM**

**BY: M R . LAWRENCE**

**BILL # 20-012**

**ORDINANCE # 20-016**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for improving various City streets by establishing pavement markings, entitled 2020 Striping Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-012 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

NONE

**HONORING OFFICER JEFFREY C. GILLIS: POLICE RETIREMENT**

**BY: ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**BILL # 20-017**

**ORDINANCE # 20-017**

Honoring Officer Jeffrey C. Gillis upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott, that Bill 20-017 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AMENDING RESOLUTION 19-264 & ESTABLISHING COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**BY: MR. ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL**

**BILL # 20-018**

**ORDINANCE # 20-018**

Amending Resolution 19-264 Establishing Standing Committees of Council, designating membership thereon for the term commencing January 1, 2020, and expiring December 31, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 20-018 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: 8, 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 APPR. DONATION FOR CYCLOPS FIELD**

**BY: MRS. MEIER**

**BILL# 20-019**

**ORDINANCE # 20-019**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a donation from the Richland County Foundation, Richard and Lorraine Shrilla Fund to be used for Cyclops Field, and declaring an emergency.

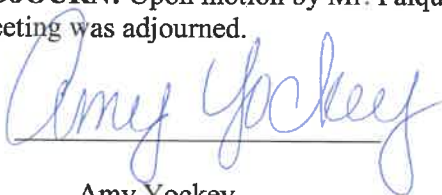
Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 20-019 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

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

**DISCUSSION:**

NONE

**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