

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 2, 2020**

The First monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday,  
June 2, 2020 at 7:55 PM via Zoom Meeting,  
due to COVID-19 pandemic.

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, via Zoom: Burns, Meier, Van Harlingen (in Chambers), Davenport, Lawrence, Taddie, Scott, Falquette, and Mears.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** NONE

**NOTE:** All emails are currently being ready proxy by Ward Council Members due to COVID-19 requirements.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** So, now is the Public Comment section. I know...thank you Councilwoman Meier for reading all those that were pertinent to the Safety- Committee Meeting. Are there any others comments that came through to the various Wards that are for Councilpersons to read at this point? Okay, hearing none; thank you.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** NONE

**ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:** NONE

**MONDAY DEADLINE**

NONE

**SUSPEND RULES**

**COUNCILWOMAN BURNS:** I move with respect to all the bills 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.

**AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF CLAIM: MONICA STRUTS: P.O. Box 3113 Mansfield, Oh**

**BY: MR. FALQUETTE**

**BILL# 20-104**

**ORDINANCE#20-099**

Authorizing payment of the claim of Monica Struts, P.O. Box 3113 Mansfield, Ohio 44904 and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette Bill 20-104 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Meier. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Meier. 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 PAYMENT OF CLAIM: Vikki Whisler 204 Cherry Hill Rd., Mans., Oh**

**BY: MR. FALQUETTE**

**BILL # 20-105**

**ORDINANCE # 20-100**

Authorizing payment of the claim of Vikki Whisler of 204 Cherry Hill Road, Mansfield, Ohio 44907 and, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 20-105 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mrs. Burns. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Meier. 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**

**REAPPOINTING MEMBERS TO DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT ADV. BOARD 7/1/20**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL # 20-106**

**ORDINANCE # 20-101**

Reappointing the following members to the Downtown Improvement Advisory Board for a term commencing July 1, 2020.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-106 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**

**AGREEMENT WITH ODOT: FUNDING FRO CONSTRUCTION EAST COOK RD: SIDEWALK**

**BY: MR. LAWRENCE**

**BILL # 20-107**

**ORDINANCE # 20-102**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Local Public Agency Project Agreement with the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation for the funding and construction of the East Cook Road Sidewalk Installation Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-107 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**

**ESTABLISHING NEW SPECIAL REV. FUND (#223) FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC-EXP.**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-108**

**ORDINANCE # 20-103**

Establishing new special revenue fund (#223) entitled "Local Coronavirus Relief Fund" to account for federal funds received through the State of Ohio under the CARES Act for COVID-19 pandemic-related expenses, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-108 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:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any discussion?

**CHERYL MEIER:** Yes. Councilman Van Harlingen?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** Yes.

**CHERYL MEIER:** How long... do we have when, when a special fund like this is created, how long are they...do they stay active?

**JON VAN HARLINGEN:** My understanding from the Chief, it's a two-year grant, so if those monies are not expended, like most grants, I would suspect the remaining funds would have to be sent back to the source.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Any further discussion? Okay, thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

**AUTHORIZING S.S.D. TO ACCEPT FUNDING (DOJ) FOR COVID -19: Police Dept. Cost**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-109**

**ORDINANCE # 20-104**

Authorizing the Safety- Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of seventy-two thousand five hundred seven dollars (\$72, 507) to offset costs associated with COVID-19, incurred by the Mansfield Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-109 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**

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Is there anything further to come before Council this evening?

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Uh, Mr. President, before you close, can I say something real quick?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Absolutely Councilman Davenport.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Sure. Thanks. I didn't know that Chief Porch was on the line, but on behalf of the Community we do want to thank you for the planning that you put together Saturday. We do believe your decision to utilize plain clothes officers rather than uniform officers, um, were the real reason that went off so well. So, we definitely want to thank you for everything that you did on Saturday and helping us be able to voice our concerns in a peaceful and non-violent manner.

**CHIEF PORCH:** Thank you Councilman, I appreciate it and it wasn't just me it was my Command Staff as well.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you both so much.

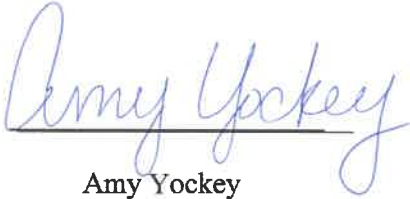
**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** We thank everyone that was involved, in that decision.

**CHIEF PORCH:** Thank you, Councilman.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you both, very much. Anything further 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