

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
July 2, 2019

The Second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, July 2nd, 2019 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: Falquette, Rock, Van Harlingen, Jefferson, Lawrence, Taddie, Mears and Scott. Bryant was absent Mears made a Motion for him to be excused, seconded by Rock.

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

Public Comments:

MATTHEW STANFIELD: I just want to respond to some of the comments made at the end of the Skate Park discussion about what the citizens want. You heard from four maybe five people who wanted maintenance and upkeep...(inaudible)...you heard from seven or eight people who wanted a Skate Park. Those seven or eight people are citizens too and you're treating as though they're not. And that is going to be the best way to push the younger generation out and people with different ideas. Because, you're saying; you're not citizens, your opinion doesn't matter. I'm sorry, I'm a little bit emotional about it, but I had to leave because it was just angering me to listen to you say, "...the citizens want... the citizens want", without taking into account the people that want a Skate Park are citizens too.

ADMINISTRATION COMMENT:

DIRECTOR COPE: Mr. President I have a question in reference to documents that we got. If I might ask one addition...Mr. Mears had brought up that we have signatures of opposing, but is...everyone received the near ninety for the Parks and where did that survey come from?

CLERK AMY: That's on Facebook's Park Page.

DIRECTOR COPE: Oh, these were...okay, so we have...opposed and then the eight- nine or near ninety that are for it. Okay, I just wanted to make sure. Thank you for that clarification.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: I think that's a good point to take into consideration; we do have almost ninety or ninety that are in favor too. So.

MR. JEFFERSON: And what was the opposition?

MR. VAN HARLINGEN: Eighty-four or eight-five. Somewhere in there. Eighty-three...

MR. JEFFERSON: Eighty-five in opposition and ninety... I got it right here. Yeah.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: And I think the point is very well taken, with what Mr. Stanfield said too, we can't just dismiss...anyway...

MS. TADDIE: Right...

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Anyway, we need to move on.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR BROWN: Brief update: from time to time I'll update City Council on the House Bill # 49 Litigation that's going on regarding the collection of Municipal Income Tax this is an issue that we update you every few months on. The last update was that the Tenth District Court of Appeals, ruled against the City, well I shouldn't say, the Cities rather than the State. That briefing has now been completed before the Ohio Supreme Court, so it's a matter of jurisdiction and whether the Ohio Supreme Court will take that case on and review it or let the District Level Ruling stand. And so, they typically answer those within sixty to seventy-five days, but there's no hard and fast rule on that timeline, so, hopefully in two months we will hear, if this case is going to go before the Ohio Supreme Court. My guess is that it will, but we'll update you when we get another update, but just wanted to kinda keep you in the loop as to what's been changing with that.

MONDAY DEADLINE

MS. TADDIE: I move with respect to Bill 19-182 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by 4 PM on Monday be suspended and that Bill 19-182 be allowed on the floor this evening, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed by vote: Ayes: 6, Nays: 1 Opposed - Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION: NONE

SUSPEND RULES

MS. TADDIE: 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: 7, Nays: 0.

APPROPRIATION: GENERAL FUND TO H.R. \$32,300.00

BY: VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-121

ORDINANCE # 19-117

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

Appropriating the sum of thirty-two thousand three hundred dollars (\$32,300) from the unappropriated General Fund to the Human Resources Department, for ID badge software update (\$800), Network ID card printer (\$4,000), and Union Contract Negotiations Consultants (\$27,500), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-121 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: 6, Nays: 1 (Butch Jefferson)

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

DISCUSSION:

MR. JEFFERSON: I don't necessarily have any discussion, but I do have a comment. Years I have been up on this Council and I have, it has always bothered me that we going' into negotiations and then we gotta pay other people to come in and help negotiate. It's... to me that's ludicrous! We should have somebody on staff somewhere, that's twenty-seven thousand dollars we given Negotiation Consultants. Don't we have qualified people in place to handle that?! Just wanted to throw that out there. I just...we get lawyers to come in because we... gotta pay them thousands of dollars because I guess the staff of Lawyers we have don't have certain Law skills, skills and certain contractual stuff. It's just ludicrous to me, but I won't be here long, I won't have to deal with it...

AUDIENCE: Laughs.

MR. JEFFERSON: (Chuckles) Crazy! So! With that being said, I yield back to the Chair.

ADVANCE OF FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND: IT FUND

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-143

ORDINANCE # 19-136

Authorizing the advance of funds from the General Fund to the Information Technology Fund for the purpose of providing resources to the Information Technology Fund, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-143 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: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATING FUNDS: IT RESOURCES

MR. VAN HARLINGEN:

BILL # 19-144

ORDANANCE # 19-137

Appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) from the unappropriated Information Technology Fund (#602) for the purpose of provide resources to the Information Technology Fund for needed contractual services, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-144 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: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

IMPROVEMENTS: GLENWOOD BLVD/PARKWOOD BLVD

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

BILL # 19-145

ORDINANCE # 19- 138

Determining to proceed with the improvement of Glenwood Boulevard and Parkwood Boulevard by sprinkling, mowing, sweeping, cleaning, etc., the grass plots or lawn strips in the middle of said boulevards, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 19-145 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATING FUNDS: METRICH

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL 19-146

ORDINANCE # 19-139

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of two hundred thirty thousand nine hundred forty-nine and 37/100 dollars (\$230,949.37) for METRICH Operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-146 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

VACATE: ALLEY BETWEEN ROWLAND AND HELEN AVE.

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

BILL # 19-147

ORDINANCE # 19-140

Vacating a portion of an Unnamed Alley between Rowland Avenue and Helen Avenue along Lot Nos. 6013, 6021, 6022, 6023 and retaining the utility rights and easements therein, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 19-147 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

PURCHASE OF EASEMENT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 19-148

ORDINANCE # 19-141

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-148 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

PURCHASE OF EASEMENT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 19-149

ORDINANCE #19-142

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-149 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

PURCHASE OF EASEMENT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 19-150

ORDINANCE # 19-143

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-150 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

PURCHASE OF EASEMENT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 19-151

ORDINANCE # 19-144

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Lawrence that Bill 19-151 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

PURCHASE OF EASEMENT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 19-152

ORDINANCE # 19-145

Resolution authorizing the purchase of an easement interest in real property, and declaring an emergency

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-152 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

THEN & NOW: YMCA PAYMENT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-153

ORDINANCE # 19-146

Authorizing payment to the Mansfield Area YMCA in the amount of twelve thousand three hundred thirty-three dollars (\$12,333) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-153 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: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATING FUNDS: SKATE PARK/ PLAYGROUND SET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-154 *Amended

ORDINANCE #19-147

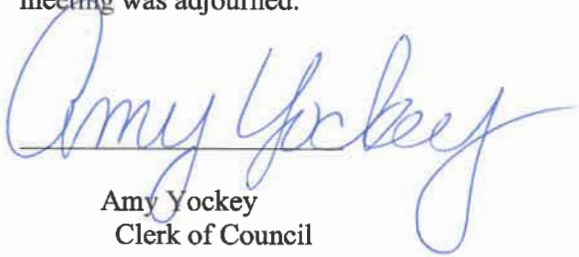
Appropriating the sum of ~~one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175,000)~~ fifty-five thousand dollars (55,000.00) from the unappropriated Parks and Recreation Fund (#236), for the planning, design, and construction of a skatepark, and installation of a playground set at Maple Lake, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-154 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: 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 Mr. Rock, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



Phillip Scott
President