

## **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

### **April 21, 2020**

The Second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 7:00 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:**

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

**JEAN TADDIE:** I know I have one. I will pull that up, and this came from, in a follow up to an email that came from a different email addressed to all of Council, in a previous version. So this is from Deborah Mount, 114 Cliff Brooke Drive, 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Resident, for Public Comment she is requesting an update from her previous email to City Council about food access and backyard chickens. "How soon will action be taken to allow us to keep backyard chickens in Mansfield considering the continued challenges?"

And as I will draw your attention to the email that went out to all of the Council Members, I believe that some of her concerns were, self-sustainability during COVID times and uh, being able to have fresh eggs for the family etc., so President Mears, I uh, don't know if you want to address the question or perhaps Councilman Lawrence was the Sponsor last time, uh, I think on behalf of the Zoning Committee, if I'm not mistaken.

**JASON LAWRENCE:** Yes, I did bring that forward at that time. I'm still in support of it, understand what it is not just because of this pandemic, but um, also in the long run families just wanting to feed their families, um , through some, through these times. Um, and so um, if we revisit it, I still will support it. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you both Council persons.

#### **ADMINISTRAION COMMENT:**

**SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR (S.S.D) LORI COPE:** Not for me Sir, but I would ask that the Chief could address our COVID, like he up dated last time and follow up on Director Spon's comment.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Okay.

**S.S.D. LORI COPE:** Do you give permission for Chief Strickling Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Yes, please.

**S.S.D. LORI COPE:** Okay.

**FIRE CHIEF STRICKLING:** Alright, so, um, we're approaching our thirty-fifth day of operation, as far as the COVID-19 situation. Um, we have eleven firefighters that are presently under surveillance. Um, what that means is that we're monitoring them every twelve hours, because they have come in contact with people that have had COVID. Um, we've had a least five positive community members that we've been associated with. Richland County is now up to sixty-six confirmed cases. Nineteen of which are in the hospital and of course the one death. Um, we have a big problem at the, or well we're anticipating a big problem at the prisons. Uh, Mancy just reported it's first positive case today. Ricky hasn't reported any positive cases at this point, but we are concerned about both those populations. And we anticipate that we're going to have significant amounts of transports to the hospital from those facilities and interaction from those people who are COVID positive. So, at this point, uh, we're holding our own and we've been working twenty-four seven for all the City residents. I appreciate it, so thank you.

**PRESIDENT MEARS:** Thank you for the update, Chief. Any comments regarding Chief Strickling's update? Okay, thank you very much.

## **MONDAY DEADLINE**

**COUNCILWOMAN BURNS:** I move with respect to Bills 20-082, 20-083, 20-084 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that Bills 20-082, 20-083, and 20-084 be allowed on the floor this evening. Seconded by Falquette. Ayes: 7 Nays: 1 (Falquette).

## **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 & ACCEPTING FUNDING FROM OHIO SUPREME COURT; \$8,496.22**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL# 20-080**

**ORDINANCE# 20-075**

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Supreme Court in the amount of eight thousand four hundred ninety-six and 22/100 dollars (\$8,496,22) for the purpose of updating the Municipal Court's remote technology and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen Bill 20-080 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.

**DISCUSSION: NONE**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SSD. TO ACCEPT FUNDING: \$33,154.64**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-081**

**ORDINANCE # 20-076**

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant (FY2019) in the amount of, thirty-five thousand, one hundred fifty-four and 64/100 dollars (\$35,154.64), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-081 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.

**APPROPRIATING: \$1,230.28 FROM UNAPPROPRIATED CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND (#422) TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER EQUIPMENT**

**BY: VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-082**

**ORDINANCE # 20-077**

Appropriating the sum of one thousand two hundred thirty 28/100 dollars (\$1,230.28) from the unappropriated Capital Equipment Fund (#422), towards the purchase of firefighter equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-082 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**

**TRANSFERING APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN SAFETY-SERVICE FUND: \$1,566.77**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-083**

**ORDINANCE # 20-078**

Transferring appropriations in the amount of one thousand five hundred sixty-six and 77/100 dollars (\$1,566.77) within the Safety-Service Fund (#214) and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-083 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 PAYMENT TO FIRE SAFETY SERVICES INC. AMOUNT: \$11,605.00**

**BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN**

**BILL # 20-084**

**ORDINANCE # 20-079**

Authorizing the payment to Fire Safety Services Inc. in the amount of eleven thousand six hundred five dollars (\$11,605.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-084 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:** Before motion for adjournment I would like to acknowledge the efforts that went in to making this meeting, again remote; so thanks to our IT Director James Weiner and also to Amy Yockey, our Council Clerk for putting this all altogether, It's a, we're getting pretty used to this now it's working out quite well. We had a few bumps, really no bumps at all, had a little sound problems, it's really working quite well. So, I just wanted to give a shout out to those two folks for the extra work they did in putting this together for us so thank you both on behalf of Council.

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

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Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council

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Cliff Mears  
President