

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
November 19, 2019

The First monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, November 19, 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, Bryant, Mears and Scott.

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

Public Comments:

NONE

Committee Reports:

DIRECTOR REMY: I think that I'll take the time now to spend two minutes or a couple minutes updating Council on the Meter replacement Project. I indicated and it was requested that I do that in November. We are moving forward with that. We have received, or Suez has rented space here and has received all of the meters and they are being stored here currently. We have had and have run into some bumps, so to say, uh, in the interfacing New World and Suez and trying to get them to talk on the same level. We finally realized what we need...have resolved that through tele-conference yesterday. So the Meter installation is set to go forward, er, to begin the first of February. Uh, that'll give us some time to work out some of the interface problem..., issues that might come up after Tyler, or New World does what it needs to do to be able to capture the information as the installations take place and convert it for us and Suez to talk back and forth. Um so, there is, like I said, and I believe that before we were hoping to start, this project in the ground, or in homes in October, uh, but because of some interface issues, it's continuing to clock and it comes down to communicating between Tyler and Suez uh, and uh, Tyler did not want to talk directly to Suez they wanted to run everything through our IT program and through us and so we're kind a third party pass through, but that's the way they want to operate. Uh, irregardless, whether we would grant direct permission between the two. The DCU's or Data Collection Units, they are all set for installation and installation of those is scheduled to begin the week after Thanksgiving. There are... there will be sixteen locations for those, some of them are going to be placed on existing poles that we have on City property. There are going to be some that are installed on new poles on City property. To get away from interference issues, an electric line issues, but in talking to the on-sight manager, and that, like I said, begin, is scheduled to begin December 2. Uuh, again, there that that will be being done by a third-party vendor that Suez is contracted with. Those should all be installed within, probably, two weeks. Because once they get started, I ... I'm not, I'm not in control of that, I'm just saying there's sixteen of them and they should be able to do a number of them in a over a short period of time, so anticipating ten to fifteen working days and those should all be in an in-installed. So, if you look and see something out there that looks kinda, I don't want to say, outer-space looking on a pole, but that's kinda, There's different devices that their, to use to collect data from each of the meters as the meters are installed and again we're doing this backwards from... we're trying to get all the interfacing in so that when we start to put the meters in, February, and the residential meters, uh we'll be able to collect data aright away. Uh, and convert it and uh, build off the new meters, uh...we are

going to... all of the new meters are going to be... read, read in gallons. Right now, our water meters read in CCF's and, and... we're going to try... we're going to be presenting to Council some conversion tables that take the current rates and convert them into gallons; a cost per gallon verses a cost per CCF, or in addition to so that everybody can see what the difference is. We're going to start billing on actual usage. Uh, it's those are some things that are... so I would anticipate that some time in December, maybe not the first meeting in December, uh, to present Council with some tweaks to the City Water, uh Meter cost to reflect that their being read and calculated in gallons and not ceasing up. We're not changing rates, we're just changing numbers. To give you an idea one CCF is equivalent to seven hundred forty-eight gallons of water. Mathematically. So, I t will be converted into that. Uh. It will be easier to read there'll be big long numbers that'll look like, uh you know, pi drug out to the thousandth or whatever, but uh that that there, it'll be read in in gallon units rather than CCF's. That's an update, a short update, on the Water Meter project.

COUNCILMAN MEARS: Just a quick question. What determines the priority of who gets the meters first, when you start working in February?

DIRECTOR REMY: That is going to be up to SUEZ. I believe that they are going to be driven by, they're not, they're not going to target certain areas, they're going to try to do, spot themselves around in areas. So, it looks, it appears, that they're working on different areas at the same time rather than go systematically around. We are going to do, or they are going to do commercials first. Their goal is to start Commercial installations or replacements in January. Uhm, we kinda put, we haven't kinda, we have put a hold on ordering any new equipment from our current vendor for our remote readers, uuuhhh, cause there's no use in buying for our current system and having them replaced in two or three or six months. So, we're aah, put a hold on those, and hopefully we will be in the ground, on the ground basically in February. that's the goal. There will be a mass mailing sent out to every costumer in mid-December or late December explaining what the program is and having some FAQ's, or eh yeah, answers, uh, and what the, what the eh, how the system operates and how, who to contact. We have set up a uniform number for utility collection. We are going to set up a dedicated line in Utility Collection to answer customer questions and issues about uh, the new meter project and one individual in the Utility Collection, an Account Clerk will be assigned to the phone on a rotating weekly basis as part of the rotation over there. Uh. Uh, hopefully, keep my fingers crossed, it will go smoothly. But there's always going to be questions. I mean when you're changing out eighteen tot nineteen thousand meters, there's going to be questions.

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: Just one quick...did the delay cost cause cost over-runs? Is it going to be more expensive than we thought because of the New World "bumps", as you said.

DIRECTOR REMY: I don't think so. I don't believe so, because there'll be some off-sets in there and there's inter-fazing cost nominal in-nominal and the big picture, okay, to get it, to get it it accomplished...uuuh...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: Okay.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you Director for that update.

MONDAY DEADLINE

NONE

SUSPEND RULES

COUNCILWOMAN 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: 8, Nays: 0.

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES/Beginning Jan. 2020

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

Bill# 19-235

ORDINANCE # 19-228

An Ordinance making temporary annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2020 and declaring an emergency.

FIRST READ

DISCUSSION:

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: We uh, Mr. Van Harlingen, you'd talked about bringing in some department heads to discuss the budgets. Were we going to do that with the Temporary Budget or were you thinking that going to be with the final Budget?

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: That will be with the Temporary Budget the Finance Director, I planned on doing that, uh, last week and the Finance Director asked me to hold off for some difference reasons. So, I will be calling a Finance Committee Meeting next week. Uh, see how...I just want to make sure members of the Committee can make it. I just have some simple questions about some expenditures... appropriations, not so much the General Fund at this time even though there's, there's some concerns, it's more water and sewer...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: And...

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: ...And Community Development.

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: Is this going to happen...you're saying it's not going to happen before Council, you're going to do it on a sa....

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: Oh no. It's going to happen before Council. And then we will have, I'm sure gonna have another Finance Committee Meeting...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: Okay.

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: ...Right before Council...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: That's what I mean you're going to do it, not on Council night, you're going to do it literally, next week.

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: I'm planning on doing it during City Time so we can bring the Directors in and we don't have to open up City Hall. Pay overtime. Unless we do it during Council, but that's not normally what we would do in the past. Now with the Division or the Department Head we...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: What about people that work during the day?

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: ...bring them into Council and no we usually have a Committee Meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: What about people that work during the day?

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: uuumm... right now it's a Committee Meeting, so...

COUNCILWOMAN TADDIE: umhm.

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: As long as a Committee... if we have a Corium...

COUNCILMAN LAWRENCE: Yeah.

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COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: ...and then discussion... and then the discussion Committee Meeting with the results after...

COUNCILMAN JEFFERSON: What did you say Amy?

CLERK AMY: I could record the meeting. You're welcome to listen to the meeting.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: I believe that's the way that it's been done in the past.

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: Oh, it has been or else there was a period of time there where you'd line up all the divisions and department heads would all cram in the back and then we would be here 'till nine or ten o'clock at night... it just... (inaudible back ground) ...I'm sorry, there was a benefit to that but, then again I'm not so sure...

PRESIDENT SCOTT: There was benefit.

COUNCILMAN VAN HARLINGEN: Yeah. One department head might take ten minutes and another department head might take forty. I mean it just, really didn't solve a great deal of problems.

THEN & NOW CERTIFICATE: Ohio Health \$8,186.00

BY: VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-236

ORDINANCE # 19-229

Authorizing the payment to OhioHealth in the amount of eight thousand one hundred eighty-six dollars (\$8,186) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-236 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: 8, Nays: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

S. S. D.: Accept and appropriate payment for demolished parking meter: amount of: \$519.42

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BIL#19-237

ORDINANCE # 19- 230

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a payment from an individual's insurance company, for replacing a parking meter demolished by a vehicle, in the amount of five hundred nineteen and 42/100 dollars (\$519.42) and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-237 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION:

APPROPRIATING: \$23,463.25 General Fund to S.S. Fund (#101) /BWC - Grant Match

BY: VAN HARLINGEN

BILL #19-238

ORDINANCE # 19-231

Appropriating the sum of twenty-three thousand four hundred sixty-three and 25/100 dollars (\$23,463.25) from the unappropriated General Fund (#101), to transfer funds to the Safety Services Fund for the BWC grant match, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-238 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATING: \$23,463.25 General Fund to S.S. Fund (#214) /BWC - Grant Match

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 19-239

ORDINANCE # 19-232

Appropriating the sum of twenty-three thousand four hundred sixty-three and 25/100 dollars (\$23,463.25) from the unappropriated Safety Service Fund (#214), to transfer funds to the Grant Fund for the BWC grant match, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-239 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: 8 Nays: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZE: S.S.D. to Accept Grant (\$40,000.00) from BWC for Chest Compression Kits

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN:

BIL#19-240

ORDINANCE # 19-233

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a grant in the amount of forty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$40,000.00) from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) for six Chest Compression Systems (Lucas Devices), plus accessories for use by the Mansfield Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-240 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATE: (\$100,000.00) Unappropriated General Fund (#101) to S.S.D: Overtime

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN:

BILL #19-241

ORDINANCE # 19-234

Appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000) from the unappropriated General Fund (#101), to transfer an amount not to exceed (\$100,000), to the Safety-Services Fund (#214) for overtime costs for the remainder of 2019, and declaring an emergency

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-241 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

APPROPRIATING (\$100,000) From Safety Service Fund (#214) for Overtime cost

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BIL#19-242

ORDINANCE # 19-235

Appropriating the sum of one hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$100,000) from the unappropriated Safety Service Fund (#214), for overtime costs for the remainder of 2019, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 19-242 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION:

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO APPROPRIATE GRANT: (\$906.08) From RCY and Family Council for City Parks and Res/ Parties in the Park Program

BY: VAN HARLINGEN

BILL #19-243

ORDINANCE # 19-236

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Richland County Youth and Family Council in the amount of nine hundred six and 08/100 dollars (\$906.08) to be used for the City's Parks and Recreation Department Family Parties in the Park Program, declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-243 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING: P. W. D. to accept Grant/Richland County Foundation/ Hiring Intern-C.D.D. (\$2,100)

BY: MR. VANHARLINGEN

BILL # 19-244

ORDINANCE # 19-237

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a Grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2,100) for the purpose of hiring an intern in the Community Development Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-244 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: 8 Nays: 0.

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZE: S.S.D. TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH KOKOSING

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL#19-245

ORDINANCE # 19-238

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a lease with the Kokosing Construction Company, Inc. for the use of certain portions of the City-owned land known as 500 N. Main Street, for a term of one (1) year commencing November 20, 2020, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, that Bill 19-245 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR to inter into lease/ Sisters Building Sisters

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

BILL #19-246

ORDINANCE # 19-239

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Sisters Building Sisters, for the use of certain portions of the City-owned building known as 445 Bowman Street, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson, that Bill 19-246 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: 8, Nays: 0

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

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR to inter into lease/ Sisters Building Sisters

BY: MS. TADDIE

BILL #19-247 **First Read

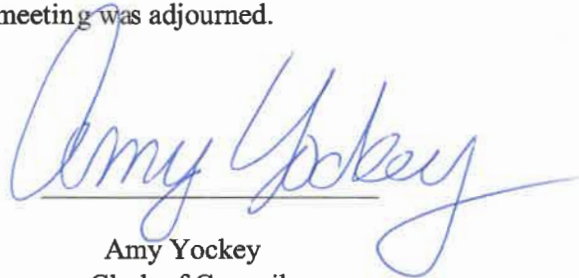
ORDINANCE # 19-240


Repealing Ordinance # 09-043 and authorizing salary increases for the Mayor, Director of Law, Director of Finance, President of Council, and Members of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Taddie, that Bill 19-247 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock.

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