

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 4, 2022

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:34 PM in the
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call: Burns (excused 6-0), Meier, Akuchie, Davenport, Diaz, Moton, Scott (excused 6-0), Zader and Falquette.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And we have is anyone wants to speak to council, tonight we have Carl Hunnell up first with citizens agenda. Carl Hunnell?

CARL HUNNELL: Thank you Mr. President. I even remembered to hit the button.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Sir.

CARL HUNNELL: I've seen it a couple of times. Good evening folks. My name is Carl Hunnell. I am the city editor for Richland Source, 40 West 4th Street Downtown Mansfield. What I put before you before most of you came in tonight is a copy of the citizens agenda. A lot of you participated last fall prior to the election in a series of meetings we had in every ward of the city called Talk to Vote. What we told folks at that time was "Tell us what you want to hear." Candidates talk about if they campaign for your vote. We listened very carefully. Brittney Shock took copious notes. And we promised those folks that attended those meetings, when we were done we would produce a document similar to what we did in 2019 that expresses their views and what they would like the City Council and the City Administration to at least think about, if not focus on, during the next couple of years. These are not, when you read these...and I'm not going to spend a lot of time going over these. These are not the words of Richland Source. These are the words of the people that we listen to, and a lot of you listen to, during all those meetings. This will set a road map for kinda where our reporting's going to go for the next year or so. One of the things for example that came up during those meetings was in interest in public transit. And improving public transit. And I'm sure everyone read every word of a 4-day 9-part series we did between Christmas and New Year on public transit. I enjoyed all those words. If you haven't read it, I encourage you to go and do that because it's the kind of reporting we'd like to do that looks at what's a situation in Mansfield and where is it working differently or better somewhere else. Maybe we can learn so we don't have to reinvent the wheel every time we look at something. Along those lines, you're all invited Thursday at noon at Relax Its Just Coffee. We're going to have an informal kind of coffee and transit talk. We intended to do that last Thursday, got postponed because Relax had to close due to Covid with their employees. And they were gracious enough to let us come back this week. From like noon to 1, its nothing formal. Were just going to sit around and drink coffee and talk about public transit. So, you're all invited to that. Won't take up anymore of your time. Everything is in here. If you do have any questions, you know how to get in touch with me. And I thank you for your attention.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Hunnell. Mr. Hamilton you're on here but we had you earlier, so I think your done. Thank you very much, I appreciate it. Alright, committee reports once again, none. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR THEAKER: Yes, Mr. President, I think that the New Year's celebration downtown Mansfield was a really big success. I really want to thank all of those individuals that participated, that helped sponsor it. It was, for the very first annual ball drop in the city of Mansfield, I think it was a really big success. And I really want to thank everybody.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you for bringing that up Mr. Mayor. It did get good coverage. And it looked like a very well attended event. Alright, thank you. Mr. Remy?

DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing, sir.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Brown?

CHRIS BROWN: No thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, let's proceed with legislation. Do we have any late bills that we need to bring forward?

MONDAY DEADLINE

STEPHANIE ZADER: I move with respect to bill 22-005 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that bill 22-005 be allowed on the floor this evening. Seconded by Mr. Davenport. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

SUSPEND RULES

STEPHANIE ZADER: I move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Meier. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright tonight's bill is 22-001, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-001 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: The clerk will now read bill 22-001.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Section 137.01 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning contracting authority of the Mayor in limited circumstances.

CONTRACTING AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #22-001

ORDINANCE: 22-001

Amending Section 137.01 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997 concerning contracting authority of the Mayor in limited circumstances.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-001 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further question, comments, or discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport?

DISCUSSION: None

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-001 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded if there's no further discussion please cast your votes for 22-001. Motion passes 6 to 0.

DISCUSSION: NONE

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: By reading of all other bills are up for votes at a later date. That's the end of legislation this evening. If there's nothing further someone can move to adjourn.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I actually have one thing if I could.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yes, Mrs. Zader, go ahead.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I just wanted to give a shout out to Delaine. Amy's been out for surgery and Delaine not only handled all of the meetings and everything very well. But she also did all of the year end stuff. So, good job Delaine.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yea, thank you very much. Alright.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Now I move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

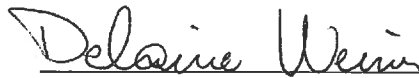
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, we got a motion and a second to close this evening. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We'll now close Mansfield City Council at 7:43pm. Thank you and good night.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, seconded by Mrs. Meier, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Delaine Weiner
Assistant Clerk of Council

David Falquette
President