

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**February 1, 2022**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, February 1, 2022 at 8:12 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, Meier, Akuchie, Davenport, Diaz, Moton, Scott (excused 7-0), Zader and Falquette.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** We've got a few people signed up this evening to talk. Let's see who we have. We have Mr. Cook. Mr. Cook if you could come forward. I don't know if you've gotten to use to the fancy microphone yet, push the button in the middle to talk. Hopefully this comment period is a 3-minute comment period. I appreciate that.

**LANCE COOK:** It's been a hard act to follow for me. First off let me introduce myself. My name is Lance Cook, I'm the president of ASFCME Local 3088. If you don't know who that is, it's the entire city workers. Dispatch included, Snow Plowers and everybody else you guys discussed taking a great interest in discussing tonight. Well first off, the snow ban I think we support that. Just because it would make it easier for our drivers to get down the streets and get through the zones faster. Anytime you get a car off their street, things will go smoother. Other thing I want to talk about, there's been a lot of talk about contract. Now as far as discussion. We only have 6 trucks I believe, big trucks in the street department. We only have I think 4 on the road at a time because I believe two are broken down. We don't have enough people for union workers, let alone contractors. So, I don't know what they're going to use. What vehicle their going to use to come in, if you guys want to go down that road. We had discussed with Administration over that time and time again. And now I know there's been a lot of people like they plow driveways on their own. They're going to plow private driveways for 6 hours, 10 hours and turn around do a 12-hour, 16-hour shift here at the city. I mean that's...you're not going to do it. I mean it's just not feasible. Also, on our street department we only have 4 MEO's for the big trucks. Four. And the Chief talked about 2008 financial emergency, we had 20-21 of them in before. So were down to 4 now. So, what were required to...what the city is requiring us to do is, and our guys do it, just like the dispatcher and everything else. They sacrifice everything to come in and help people. Unfortunately, the zones are the last affected. Just because we got to keep the main streets open first, their priorities. We're pulling people in from the sewer repair department, requiring them to work 8 hours in the sewer repair. Then have them go plow streets. Water repairs the same way. They come in, if there's a water main break or sewer backup or whatever guess what? They're pulled out of the truck and ordered required to go back and work 12-hour, 16-hour straight. Turn around go home get some sleep do it again, okay. That's unfortunately. Unless you're going to hire some people. We are I think we are Sharon May, Director May and administration and Director Remy has worked with us. I think last year at this time we had nine open positions. This year we have three in sewer repair still. So, we still have three big trucks, 3 big CDL that are still open. So instead of talking about contracting out. Why don't you do like a job interview? You know get in front of people. We need people to fill those trucks. CDL holders. And also, were covered under federal law as far as how many hours we can be in a big truck cuz of our CDLs. Were limited. So, where we have a lot of stuff but our people have it pulled together and

they're filling the trucks, they're getting stuff done. Unfortunately, you can't... I hear this a lot online and I hate to bring this up, but they compare us to Ontario. Or Shelby or some of the other places. We have double the miles of roads in Mansfield. This is a big city, okay. You got the Johns Park area, you got the South Park area. All the small areas is hard to get those big trucks in and out of. And that's why we use the small dump trucks. Okay. I know Councilwoman Zader and Diaz came down and rode in... I know Zader did for sure. She rode around. If any of you council people would like to see the snow plowing operation, guess what? You're getting a chance here in the next few days with big storm coming in, okay. And you want to see what we go through? I encourage everybody, both parties, Democratic Republican doesn't matter. Cuz this is your guys' neighborhoods. These are your voters. Yeah, we serve them but if you guys want to see how it really is, come on out. I mean we beg for trucks. We beg for people to come in. And we've done a lot to move from last year to this year. As far as the dispatch goes, I have the yearly opportunity to serve them cuz I'm their union president. As far as Councilman Burns talked about the emotional side of things, don't worry about crying. I'm a Marine. I have a combat action ribbon. I ball listening to this stuff, okay. So, don't anybody. Cuz we cry for joy. And we cry during grief, okay. When you see Huck present those numbers as far as those calls. We teach our children, we've taught our children for years, you need help call 911. You want police, you want fire, you want whatever call 911.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Cook.

**LANCE COOK:** So, don't worry about. Oh is 3 minutes up? I apologize. But anyway, it's okay to be emotional because these are your guys voters, these are your citizens in Mansfield. And people come in from outside of Mansfield because of the cell phones. Don't worry they're here cuz that's why we get the calls, okay. They're visiting whether they're for the racetrack or whatever. They're here, they're visiting, they need help. We should provide it for them. So, I fully support the proposal before you as far as the pay. And another thing too is we have people competing. We have like what Abrams said, Lisa said they kick ass and they care. As far as life savers, kick ass life savers is what she said. They do.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Cook.

**LANCE COOK:** I'm sorry, I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I know you...but anyway they do a hell of a job for what they're getting paid. And people want them. We have to fight for them to keep them here, okay. They will walk across the street. They will go to another place. We would like to keep them here. Cuz we train them. We spend all the money. You guys, the city has spent money on the training. Keep that in mind. Thank you. Appreciate your time.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. Cook, we appreciate it. Ms. Mount?

**DEBORAH MOUNT:** Deborah Mount 114 Cliffbrook Drive. I was originally pulling up the city's most recent financial report available online November, when they were talking about the snow plows. And I was hoping that something will be said about efforts to fill the vacancies or get working vehicles. But the dispatch situation is dire. But I just wanted to make sure a few things if you hadn't read the report. Income tax collection was up 13.2% as of November of last year over the year previous. That meant three and a half million more money came into the city from income taxes then the year previous. And I would say a lot of that is probably because of the place is like McDonald's, offering far higher salaries that yields more income tax revenue. I just want you guys to bear in mind. they're having trouble staffing because of these other places offer higher salaries but those higher salaries are bringing in substantially more income tax revenue. And also, to remind you the general fund had an unencumbered balance of over 9.4 million dollars. Street fund had \$674,000 and an unencumbered balance at that point. And the city's total balance was over 93 million. So, I encourage you to watch these finance reports, be aware of what's coming in. But specifically, it's good news that income tax revenue is that high up and that it generated that much more revenue. And I'm hoping that you guys can convert it into meeting the needs of the city. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Ms. Mount. And her address is 114 Cliffbrook. Mr. McNeil. Mr. McNeil, I do want to give your sympathy in the loss of your brother.

**ESTHER MCNEIL:** Is this still on?

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** You're on. And as always, 3 minutes.

**ESTHER MCNEIL:** First of all, I think the city should pay the ladies in the center the same as they pay the Police Department. that's what they should do. Now I want to say something about Park Street. They paved it over a year ago, year and a half, cracked up already. The contractors that the city got to do this, dug up this yard. They didn't put the grass in there nothing. That's the cities fault. You hire these contractors and you got people at the city to do the work. I'm sure down there at the garage somebody could do that. But you hire contractors to do it. Okay. It should be against the law for Police Department to have to drive a vehicle, I think I mentioned this before, with the lights out or something wrong. It should be up to who's in charge of the city police department and the maintenance.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. McNeil remember this is just your comments to us. This is not a discussion.

**ESTHER MCNEIL:** Well, they need to discuss it.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Ok, thank you.

**ESTHER MCNEIL:** Police Department they drive a car...cars that there really not safe. You'd give somebody else a ticket. They should not have to drive that car. Officers should not have put their life in danger by driving a car like that. And it's up to the city to see that "hey we got somebody checking this". You got a maintenance department, get them to do the job. Now you got people that's working in the garage for the city, the live out of town. Can they vote on anything that deals with the unionized stuff for you in the city? I don't think so. Hey, I beat that 3 minutes.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** You did. Right on time. Thank you very much Sir, I appreciate it. I think that's the end of our public comments this evening. Would the Mayor...

**MAYOR THEAKER:** No, Mr. President, I have nothing.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Director Remy?

**DIRECTOR REMY:** I have nothing, sir.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Assistant Director Brown?

**CHRIS BROWN:** No thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Let's proceed with legislation. Are there any late bills Mrs. Burns?

## MONDAY DEADLINE

**LAURA BURNS:** I move with respect to bills 22-015 and 22-016 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that bills 22-015 and 22-016 be allowed on the floor this evening. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

## SUSPEND RULES

**LAURA BURNS:** 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. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Ms. Moton, 22-012. You moved this one up to vote tonight.

**KIM MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-012 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 22-012.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2022 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

## PERSONNEL POSITIONS, PAY GRADES AND SALARIES

BY: MS. MOTON

BILL #22-012

ORDINANCE # 22-012

Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2022 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Moton that Bill 22-012 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Ms. Moton?

**DISCUSSION:** None

**KIM MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-012 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote on 22-012. Hearing no further discussion this evening, motion passes 7 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, 22-013.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President, I move that bill 22-013 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 22-013.

**DELAINÉ WEINER:** Authorizing payment to Pioneer Technology in the amount of thirty-two thousand two hundred ninety-six and 22/100 dollars (\$32,296.22) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

#### **PAYMENT TO PIONEER TECHNOLOGY**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #22-013

ORDINANCE: 22-013

Authorizing payment to Pioneer Technology in the amount of thirty-two thousand two hundred ninety-six and 22/100 dollars (\$32,296.22) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-013 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport?

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-013 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded that we vote on 22-013. Motion passes 7 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport 22-014.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-014 read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 22-014.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$58,000.00) to be used to combat the spread of Coronavirus at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

**GRANT FROM THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION**  
**BY: MR. DAVENPORT**

BILL #22-014

ORDINANCE: 22-014

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a grant from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in the amount of fifty-eight thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$58,000.00) to be used to combat the spread of Coronavirus at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-014 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport?

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-014 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded for a final vote on 22-014. Motion passes 7 to 0, thank you very much.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, 22-015.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-015 read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 22-015.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of twenty-two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$22,000.00) for the Project Safe Neighborhood Program, and declaring an emergency.

**APPROPRIATE FUNDING FROM THE OCJS**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #22-015

ORDINANCE #22-015

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of twenty-two thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$22,000.00) for the Project Safe Neighborhood Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-015 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport?

**DISCUSSION:** None

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-015 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. We can now vote on 22-015. Motion passes 7 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier, 22-016.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-016 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 22-016.

**DELAINE WEINER:** Honoring Sergeant Matthew R. Loughman upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

**HONORING SERGEANT MATTHEW R. LOUGHMAN**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

Honoring Sergeant Matthew R. Loughman upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 22-016 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader. 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.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

**DISCUSSION:** None

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-016 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 22-016. Motion passes 7 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** I've run out of legislations believe it or not. Anybody else have anything for this evening?

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Move to close.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Motion to close.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Second

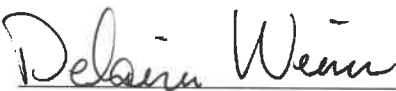
**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Second. All those in favor?

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Alright, motion passes. Were closed at 8:32 p.m. Thank you very much.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

  
Delaine Weiner  
Assistant Clerk of Council

  
David Falquette  
President