

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 2, 2021

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 8:00 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: Burns, Meier, Van Harlingen, Davenport, Lawrence, Moton, Falquette, and Scott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PROTEMP PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussions, public comments, emails that anybody has gotten?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Mr. President if I could please?

PRESIDENT PROTEMP PHIL SCOTT: Ok, Mr. Van Harlingen

JON VAN HARLINGEN: City council has received a letter today, approximately 1:40pm this afternoon. If I could please, I would like to read this. This is from a Mrs. Deborah Mount. It says

“Dear City Council,

Two weeks ago, no one responded to my questions so I'm sending again, still seeking answers and clarification.

1) Who made the decision to pursue immediate raises?

2) How much did the legal matter cost?

3) Why was this done when the City is also complaining of dire financial straits this year?

I have also heard that the city actually solicited and received opinions from two legal sources, one said the action taken would not be legal, as well as the one the City released, which cited a ruling from the 1950s that was construed to allow it.

I request to see the opinion that said the action was not legal.

I question whether the courts have indeed not ruled on the matter since the 1950's.

The entire matter seems to have been executed in an underhanded and highly questionable manner, using tax dollars which have yet to be accounted for.

I reiterate I would like answers to the above questions!

Thank you! Deborah Mount”

Now this was sent by Mrs. Deborah Mount. The address is available on the letter for all to see. Now, what I would like to do is go back just a little bit. A little bit of history, for Mrs. Mount and others that are listening, legislation a bill was presented to council by the administration in 2019, it was bill number 19-247 ordinance 19-240. Now there was quite a discussion on this, this had its full readings. If I remember correctly what was originally proposed was in the double digits. That was discussed, reduced, and what have you, The...keeping in mind, December 17th 2019 when this was passed, had final passage

final vote, we were not talking about the Corona 19 at that time. It was barely a blip on the radar screen and it was across the pond. Yes, there's always a concern. I understand Mrs. Mounts concerns with the finances. There's always a concern with the finances. Now I would like to go back to the last council meeting, one of my fellow council women had also read a letter from Mrs. Mount. Mrs. Mount sent this letter on January the 19th at 3:05 p.m. in the afternoon, right before council. And right before council I responded to that letter, I don't know if any of my colleagues did or not, I responded at 4:57p.m. before the council meeting. I responded with *"Good afternoon Ms. Mount, City Council addressed this issue as it would any other bill proposed by the administration. It received the full readings and vote taken on December 17, 2019 with the outcome 5 yes, 3 no. For this to pass as an emergency and go into effect January 1, 2020 it required 6 yes votes. Since this did not happen, it was my understanding the raises would not go into effect until new terms started for the elected officials. Some members of council would receive the raise in 2022 and all other elected officials in 2024.*

The local news media did an excellent job reporting this. And you are correct, council was not aware of or had any part of the decision to obtain outside legal advice.

Thank you for your concern Jon van Harlingen 3rd Ward Councilman"

Now, I made the comment in here, *council was not aware of any or any part of the decision.*

I was not aware, from what I understand, my colleagues were not aware. This was not an action of council. We did our due-diligence with the legislation back at the end of 2019. I suggest that maybe the administration would want to answer her concerns. Thank you, Mr. President.

AMY YOCKEY: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT PROTEMP PHIL SCOTT: Yes, Clerk Yockey?

AMY YOCKEY: I apologize, I forgot to call our newest member of council in the roll, Stephanie Zader. Stephanie are you here?

STEPHANIE ZADER: I'm here.

AMY YOCKEY: I apologize for that.

STEPHANIE ZADER: That's ok.

PRESIDENT PROTEMP PHIL SCOTT: Ok, back to the email.... I believe I saw Ms. Moton, did you have something or was it concerning this as well?

KIMBERLY MOTON: It's was concerning this as well. I did have one other thing, but I'll wait.

PRESIDENT PROTEMP PHIL SCOTT: Ok, um...I guess at this time as Mr. Van Harlingen said does anyone from administration wish to address this issue at this time?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Mr. President if I could please?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes sir.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: My fact checker just made sure that I got my dates right. I read a sentence wrong here or threw in the wrong date. Some members of council would receive the raise in 2022 and ALL other elected officials in 2024. My apologies sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: You're welcome.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And that is a matter of public record.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor I see you up there.

MAYOR THEAKER: Yes, I would like to make one little comment. The wording that it was not to take effect is if it's not an emergency, and basically, I think that Director Spon can respond to this a heck of a lot better than I can. Is that if its not an emergency it takes effect in 30 days. And it did take effect, should have taken effect in 30 days for that. Now I'll basically turn it over to Director Spon and let Director Spon elaborate a little bit more if he wants to.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mayor. Director Spon do you have anything to add? Are you still with us Director?

DIRECTOR SPON: Can you hear me now?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We can hear you now.

DIRECTOR SPON: Yes, the legislation that passed regarding the salary increases was not, the substance of it was not drafted by my office that is the legal department. But when it did pass on a non-emergency basis, I had returned from a long-term injury for the first, for the council meeting that night and I did not have an opportunity to research the applicability of exactly when this legislation would take place. So, I think I gave a statement that was inaccurate that evening without having really researched it. It was just my opinion from first impression at that time. When it did not pass by emergency legislation, then under the law the bill takes effect 30 days after the Mayor signs the legislation. There after there was a question of when do these salary increases apply. On that basis the Finance Director was struggling with making sure that she applies the legislation in an accurate and lawful manner. In the intervening period, the Mayor had requested an outside legal opinion from a very capable attorney, who provided his opinion to the Mayor. The Mayor then provided a copy of that legal opinion to the Finance Director and to my office. On that basis, the Finance Director reviewed the opinion. It appeared to be very accurate and very much on point. In fact, that opinion which approved the pay raises commencing January 2020, was based upon a case in Ohio that's applicable to our area that's the 5th district court of appeals. Pursuant to that case it made it very clear that the city did have the legal authority to pass the salary pay raises. Because they were passed in 2019, no salary increase could occur in 2019. But it could occur in 2020, that is in January 2020. So that's a nutshell of the circumstance and events as they went by. I think the most important issue is whether or not the Finance Director and reliance upon the legal opinion, did so lawfully. And does it appear that the opinion is accurate. Upon my review of the opinion it appears to be right on point. The city of Mansfield absolutely had the legal authority to pass the legislation and have it applied in January 2020. There was nothing secret about it. Everyone that's effected and anyone that's not effected, can always ask for an opinion from an attorney. That's what the Mayor did, he has a legal right to request such an opinion. He did so, he received the opinion. The opinion appeared to be accurate and the Finance Director appropriately applied that opinion to applying the pay raises in 2020, in January 2020.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, thank you Director for that explanation. Hopefully this will take care of this issue. Ms. Moton did you say you had another issue you'd want to bring up.

KIMBERLY MOTON: Not necessarily an issue, but just wanted to state that the Columbia Gas Project in the Cherry Hill area, working with Ben Cutler from Columbia Gas. They just stated that everything was working smoothly and they were on target as far as that project. The citizens in that area, we all gathered...we were able to gather on a zoom call couple weeks ago and they expressed their concerns. Everything has went smoothly since and I just wanted to say hats off to Columbia Gas for working with out citizens here in the city.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Ms. Moton for that update. Sounds like things are working well with Columbia Gas in the neighborhoods. Any one else have public comments, emails? Ok, hearing none. Are there any committee reports? No committee reports? Acting Mayor Falquette do you have anything for Council?

ACTING MAYOR FALQUETTE: I do have a proclamation I would like to read into the record.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok.

ACTING MAYOR FALQUETTE: The proclamation is for Optimist Day February 4th, 2021. Whereas members of Optimist International will celebrate Optimist Day throughout the world the first Thursday of every February to promote their efforts in helping and recognizing the young people that make a difference in their communities and who will encourage a greater exchange of ideas between young people and adults; and whereas programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include Adopt A Child, Coats for Kids, Harmony House donations, water safety, Mock Crash, Miss Ohio and many more activities; and whereas volunteers working with young people who are our hoy of today and are our hope for tomorrow, are exuberant representatives of the potential to be reached and dreams to come true. They are also unbounded in their enthusiasm to use their own talent, skills, and hard work to make a difference in others' lives; and whereas there are 2500 Optimist Clubs, with more the 70,000 members, in Optimist International and Optimist members throughout the world that carry out more than 6500 service projects that serve six million young people a year; and whereas with the global pandemic continuing to affect the lives of people around the world, Optimist are choosing Optimism, and, as Optimist Club President Kevin Zehe explained "our number one priority is helping children in our community;" Now, therefore, I, Dave Falquette, acting Mayor of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, do hereby proclaim February 4, 2021 as Optimist Day in the City of Mansfield, Ohio and offer our thanks and appreciation to the Mansfield Noon Optimist Club for the many contributions they have provided to our local youth and our community. Thank you, the Optimist Club. Thank you to the Optimist Club.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Thank you Acting Mayor Falquette and thank you Optimist Club for their service to the community.

KEVIN ZEHE: May I say something?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes!

KEVIN ZEHE: Hi my names Kevin Zehe I am the president of the Optimist Club. In just a few words I'll thank you for allowing us to prepare this proclamation. The International Optimist spends about 75 million dollars a year in communities annually helping them and helping to provide healthy avenues for youth. We are one of the best kept secrets in Mansfield. We have been here since 1923. Optimist International was developed in 1919, so we're one of the first clubs to start. We are the second oldest in the state of Ohio, Akron is the first by a couple weeks. That's what they tell us, I'm not sure about that. Anyhow, we are extending to the Mayor of Mansfield, sustaining membership to our organization. So we will provide to the City of Mansfield Mayor our weekly meetings as well as our activities and events. This will go on until forever. And if the Acting Mayor would like to become a member after he is no longer a mayor of the City

of Mansfield he can join us. We meet every Wednesday from 11:30 to 1:00pm. We meet at the Holiday Inn. And we are 55 members strong. I would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to present our organization to you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you for joining us tonight. And I apologize I did not realize you were on the zoom.

KEVIN ZEHE: That's fine.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I'm glad you're here. And we once again congratulate you and all that the Optimist Club does for here in Mansfield, across the country and worldwide. Thank you. Acting Mayor Falquette do you have anything else?

ACTING MAYOR FALQUETTE: That should be enough. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: You're welcome. With that Safety Service Director Cope?

LORI COPE SSD: I do not sir. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: You're welcome. Directory Remy?

DAVID REMY: Nothing but to apologize for not muting myself a little bit earlier (laughter).

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Oh, was that you? No problem. Law Director Spon?

JOHN SPON: No, I do not. Thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok with that we shall proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns?

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. 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: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Motion passes 8-0, thank you. So, we had no late bills so we shall proceed with legislation. Bill 21-017, Mr. Lawrence.

JASON LAWRENCE: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 21-017 be read and placed up on the floor for the first time.

LAURA BURNS: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, it has been moved and seconded. The clerk will read bill 21-017.

AMY YOCKEY: Amending Chapter 109 of the Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to enact Section 109.07 thereof to authorize the City Engineer to establish contract retainage terms for construction of public improvements.”

CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL #21-017*

ORDINANCE #21-019

Amending Chapter 109 of the Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to enact Section 109.07 thereof to authorize the City Engineer to establish contract retainage terms for construction of public improvements.”

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 21-017 be read for the first time.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on bill 21-017? Ok hearing none, Mr. Lawrence

DISCUSSION: NONE

JASON LAWRENCE: That was just a first read President Scott.

AMY YOCKEY: Yea, that was first read only.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Oh, I’m sorry! Thank you. I apologize. Op if I had read my summary sheet, yes, I apologize.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, moving on 21-020, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 21-020 be read and placed upon the floor for vote.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-020.

AMY YOCKEY: Honoring Cliff Mears for his dedicated service as a member of the Mansfield City Council.

HONORING CLIFF MEARS

BY: MRS BURNS

BILL #21-020

RESOLUTION #21-020

Honoring Cliff Mears for his dedicated service as a member of the Mansfield City Council.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns, that Bill 21-020 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Meier. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Meier. 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 PHIL SCOTT: Ok thank you. Is there any other further discussion? We had quite a few discussions and comments and compliments for Mr. Mears in Caucasus, but is there anything further?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I do have a quick questions Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok thank you. Is there any other further discussion? We had quite a few discussions and comments and compliments for Mr. Mears in Caucasus, but is there anything further?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I do have a quick questions Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes sir?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: If we vote this down and don't pass it do we get him back?

COUNCIL MEMBRERS: "Laughter"

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I don't think so.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I tried.

CLIFF MEARS: Haha...thank NONE

DISCUSSION: NONE

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 21-020 be placed upon the floor for final vote.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Council now cast their vote for passage of bill 21-020. And the measure passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Moving onto bill #21-021 which is no longer caucus only, Councilwoman Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 21-021 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-021.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a donation of personal safety systems from the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation for each riding position in the Fire Trucks and Rescue Squads with a monetary value of \$8,924.79.

IMPROVEMENT OF THE UPGRADE OF MAIN STREET

BY: MRS MEIER

BILL #21-021

ORDINANCE # 21-021

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept a donation of personal safety systems from the Lt. Joseph P. DiBernardo Memorial Foundation for each riding position in the Fire Trucks and Rescue Squads with a monetary value of \$8,924.79.

Upon motion by Mr. Meier, that Bill 21-021 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.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion? Hearing none, Councilwoman Meier.

DISCUSSION: NONE

CHERYL MEIER:: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 21-021 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Council will now cast their vote for passage of bill 21-021. Measure passes 8 to 0. Thank you all very much.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: We'll move onto bill 21-023. Thank you, Amy, you already have it on the screen. And that is Councilman Van Harlingen. Councilman Van Harlingen are you there?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I'm sorry I was speaking when I was muted. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 21-023 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-023.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Alisha and Dustin Sqrow in the amount of six thousand five hundred and no/100 dollars (\$6,500.00) to be used for Mansfield SWAT, and declaring an emergency.

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH NISS AVIATION FBO, LLC

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL #21-023

ORDINANCE#21-022

Authorizing the Mayor and Chief of Police to accept funding from the National Institute of Justice under the Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program (FY 2020) in the amount of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 21-023 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.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on this very important bill? Ok hearing none, Councilman Davenport.

DISCUSSION: NONE

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Thank you President Mears I move bill 21-023 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Council will now cast their vote for the passage of bill 21-023. How are we doing on the vote here? I don't see anything.

AMY YOCKEY: Mr. Davenport you need to vote.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Um...I don't know where my thing went. Sorry...I have no clue where it has gone.

JAMES WEINER: Mr. Davenport if you escape out...did you? Ok

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yea

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you very much, bill 21-023 passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The next bill is 21-025, Councilman Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 21-025 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-025.

AMY YOCKEY: Appropriating the sum of six thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$6,000.00) from the unappropriated Law Enforcement Fund (#211) to pay for operational expenses until the final budget is passed, and declaring an emergency.

PAY OPERATIONAL EXPENSES FROM UNAPPROPRIATED DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND #211

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #21-025

ORDINANCE # 21-023

Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with M & D Real Estate Investments, LTD, Edge Plastics, LLC and EP Transportation LLC, Inc., for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for renovating and expanding their existing facility 449 Newman Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 21-025 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.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion? Ok hearing none, Councilman Davenport.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 21-025 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok I will now make a call for the voice vote on bill 21-025. Measure passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The next bill is 21-026, Councilman Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 21-026 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-026.

AMY YOCKEY: Appropriating the sum of fifty thousand nine hundred seventy-four and 62/100 dollars (\$50,974.62) from the unappropriated Fire Capital Equipment Fund (#420) for the purpose of making the first payment on the ambulance lease/purchase agreement due January 30, 2021, and declaring an emergency.

FIRST PAYMENT ON THE AMBULANCE LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #21-026

ORDINANCE # 21-024

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area School Compensation Agreement with M & D Real Estate Investments, LTD, Edge Plastics, LLC, EP Transportation, and Mansfield City Schools to authorize general compensation and income tax revenue sharing on new municipal income tax revenues, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 21-026 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.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion? Ok hearing none, Councilman Lawrence.

DISCUSSION: NONE

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 21-026 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok I will now make a call for the voice vote on bill 21-026. Measure passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The next bill is 21-027, Councilman Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 21-027 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: The clerk will now read bill 21-027.

AMY YOCKEY: Appropriating the sum of one hundred six thousand dollars (\$106,000) from the Downtown Improvement Fund (#425) for the purpose of assisting with the funding of the Diamond Street two-way conversion project, and declaring an emergency.

FUNDING OF THE DIAMOND STREET TWO-WAY CONVERSION PROJECT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #21-027

ORDINANCE # 21-025

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a Job Creation Tax Credit Agreement with Edge Plastics, LLC and EP Transportation, LLC, Subsidiaries of M & D Real Estate Investments, LTD., and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 21-027 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.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion? Ok hearing none, Councilman Davenport.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 21-027 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok I will now make a call for the voice vote on bill 21-027. Measure passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Now that is our last piece of legislation. Is there anything further to come before council tonight?

CARL HUNNELL: Mr. Mears?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Yes, Mr. Hunnell

CARL HUNNELL: Quick question, and I asked this in the chat and I didn't see an answer. With regard to what Mr. Davenport was asking about in terms of the outside legal opinion and the raises that were passed 5-3 as a non-emergency. I don't, and I just wanted to see if anyone else recalls it, I don't recall this outside legal opinion being discussed at any council meeting since that vote took place. Did I miss one? Because I think I have been at most the meetings and I'm just curious in terms of transparency if this was discussed at any council meetings publicly.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Uh Carl to my knowledge this was not discussed at a council meeting.

CARL HUNNELL: Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: You're welcome. Anything further to come before council tonight? Ok before I ask for a motion of adjournment, hope you all had a happy New Years. Welcome 2021 its gotta be a step up from 2020, as our first bill indicated. So could I have a motion for adjournment?

DAVID FALQUETTE: I move to close.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I think that was a second there. All in favor?

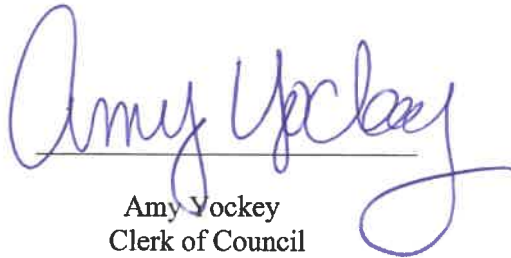
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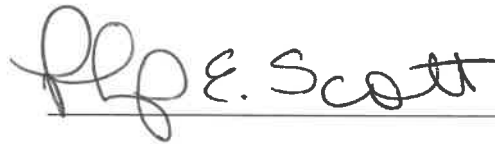
PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: All opposed? At, what time is it here, at 8:25 Mansfield City Council is adjourned. Thank you all very much. Stay safe.

END OF DISCUSSION

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Thank you. Good night.

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


Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council


Phil Scott
President