

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 19, 2022

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:17 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, Zader, Scott and Falquette.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone that wishes to speak to council. We have Mr. Esther McNeil this evening. Mr. McNeil if you'd like to come forward, get your 3 minutes.

EASTHER MCNEIL: I wrote something down, so it won't take me 3 minutes. First, I would like to know what percentage, from the hood, is set up for low- and moderate-income people in the city of Mansfield? I would like to get a list of that. Next, is it true that down by Ideal Electric that someone bought the land and is going to put some housing condominiums down there? Do you know anything about that? Ok, guess not. All job applicants, regardless of race, are harmed by criminal records. A lot of them can't get places to stay. So why can't the City offer some of these people that's in jail that gets out, offer them some kind of job? I mean they can cut grass. They can do something. Instead of just letting them out. That'd help them and their family. And also create something for society. Instead of just letting them sit in jail. Next, I think I spoke about this before. Trash...left on the sidewalks. You got cans, well mostly plastic. When they running over trash...weeks sitting on the sidewalk. Cats, groundhogs, raccoon...they just tear the package...tear em up. It's all over the street. Two blocks from the city building, go down Diamond. Come on. Some of them people you got in jail should be picking up trash...could pick them up. If you pay 'em.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: About 30 seconds Mr. McNeil.

EASTHER MCNEIL: 30 seconds?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yep.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Alright. Why don't the city do something about these lights that are out? They was supposed to change the lights years ago. Take the old yellow lights out and put the white lights. Go down some of these streets. Ain't got no lights. The light poles are there, but no lights. Sorry I have to cut it short. But I had a lot to tell ya.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. McNeil. Alright. Any committee reports? Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: I guess this would be the appropriate time to ask. Not necessarily a committee report, but I have something...a question from the public for updates. An update on the...where we are on

the dry damn project and the fireworks laws. So, I don't know if the administration could speak to that, to update on those or not. That's an email I received.

MAYOR THEAKER: Bob are you still on the zoom call?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: No, we decided to...

MAYOR THEAKER: Well he was on for a little while

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Oh, he was? Ok

MAYOR THEAKER: Because he texted me because he was on.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Ok.

STEPHANIE ZADER: If not, I guess if we could have an update for them at the next meeting.

MAYOR THEAKER: Sure, we can do that.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Um, and then Mr., if I could speak to what were doing with NECIC as I did last meeting about the trash. We are...the Parks Department and the Codes and Permits Department have partnered with NECIC and the TANIF program to help put teenagers to work cleaning up trash around our city. So that is being addressed.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. As far as communications. I got a certified mail from the public utility commission. It is a CD, if you have the ability to read it. It's 250 page...55-page pdf document. Columbia Gas is asking for change in how much they get paid. And this is the workings of their response. Their open to public comment. So, if anybody's interested, we can figure out how to get it to you. But it's right there. Alright. Anybody...Ms. Moton, go ahead.

KIM MOTON: Yea, two things again about the trash. Because at the last neighborhood watch meeting that we had on the Hedges Street. I just needed to mention that again but it has been addressed. But the other thing with the Cherry Hill neighborhood watch was about the fireworks as well. And making sure that there's a certain time that's set for fireworks to be displayed. And it was also stated they wanted to make sure it was done before 12, you know midnight. And not so much with the actual fireworks that went above the homes. They just wanted it to stay something small. So, I wanted to make mention of that as well. Just something, you know, little sparkles or something that is just not so loud. And draws so much attention so.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anything else? Mr. Scott

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President. If I also might address something that Mr. McNeil stated. As far as streetlighting, anybody can get on the Ohio Edison and report a street light being out. I've done it. If you notify your councilman, they can do it. You can do it. Anybody can get on the Ohio Edison website and report a street light outage. I've done it and it's been fixed.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That's correct Mr. Scott. There also was a group that went around and marks poles with pink ribbons. There's over 100 poles identified and their working with the City Engineering office and Ohio Edison to get those corrected. Anyone else? Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR THEAKER: No, Mr. President, at this time I have nothing.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Sir. Mr. Ramey?

DIRECTOR REMY: Nothing, sir.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Brown?

CHRIS BROWN: No thank you sir.

MAYOR THEAKER: I do have a comment from Bob.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Oh, a comment from Bob. Back to Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR THEAKER: I asked him real quick and he just answered. He said that we are under a contract for the design of the dry dam and they're designing it right now.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Mayor for that quick update about the dry dam. And back to Mr. Brown. Sounded like he might need something.

CHRIS BROWN: Yea, no thank you sir.
END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, thank you very much. Let's proceed with legislation. Do we have any late bills this evening Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: No, we do not.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Do you have anything else you want to make uh motions on tonight.

LAURA BURNS: Yea, actually, Mr. President.

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: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, anything else? Alright, let's do the first vote is Ms. Moton 22-067.

KIM MOTON: Thank you Mr. President I move that 22-067 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 bill 22-067.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Richland County Growth Corporation on behalf of the City of Mansfield to sell 8.784 acres of land located on Miller Parkway in Reid Industrial Park to MTC Holdings, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

SELL OF LAND ON MILLER PARKWAY TO MTC HOLDINGS, LLC

BY: MS. MOTON

BILL #22-067

ORDINANCE: 22-068

Authorizing the Richland County Growth Corporation on behalf of the City of Mansfield to sell 8.784 acres of land located on Miller Parkway in Reid Industrial Park to MTC Holdings, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Ms. Moton that Bill 22-067 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 questions or comments? Ms. Moton?

DISCUSSION: None

KIM MOTON: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-067 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded the final vote for 22-067's been called. Passes 8 to 0.

DISCUSSION: NONE

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 22-068

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-068 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 bill 22-068.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a Grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of four thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$4,800.00) for the purpose of hiring an intern in the Community Development Department, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT FROM THE RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #22-068

ORDINANCE #22-069

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a Grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of four thousand eight hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$4,800.00) for the purpose of hiring an intern in the Community Development Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-068 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 questions or comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport?

DISCUSSION: None

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-068 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded we can vote on 22-068. Passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: 22-069, Mr. Davenport, 22-069.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-069 receive its first reading and placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 22-069 for first reading.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Mayor and interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the United States Police Canine Association, Inc. (USPCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC) in the amount of seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7,500) to be used for a portion of the cost of a new canine for the Mansfield Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

FUNDING USPCA AND THE AKC FOR NEW CANINE (\$7,500)

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #22-069

ORDINANCE #22-070

Authorizing the Mayor and interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the United States Police Canine Association, Inc. (USPCA) and the American Kennel Club (AKC) in the amount of seven thousand five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$7,500) to be used for a portion of the cost of a new canine for the Mansfield Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-069 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 questions or comments? Mrs. Meier please.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: What's written on here still shows \$7,500,000.00.

AMY YOCKEY: The original has been corrected.

CHERYL MEIER: The original has been.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: This one's good. Alright, thank you. If there's no further comment, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-069 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. We can now vote. Passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 22-071.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I did not move this. Oh, you said 71?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: 71, 71.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I move that bill 22-071 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 22-071.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Mayor and interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2021 Subgrant in the amount of fifty-five thousand, five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$55,500.00) to be used for METRICH operations, and declaring an emergency.

ACCEPT FUNDING TO BE USED FOR METRICH OPERATIONS (\$55,500)

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #22-071

ORDINANCE #22-071

Authorizing the Mayor and interim Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2021 Subgrant in the amount of fifty-five thousand, five hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$55,500.00) to be used for METRICH operations, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 22-071 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 questions or comments? Mr. Davenport?

DISCUSSION: None

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-071 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please now vote on bill 22-071. Passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 22-072

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-072 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 22-072.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase, according to STS pricing contract criteria, one (1) 2022 Ford F-250 truck from Valley Ford Truck, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and one (1) new aluminum utility trailer from Pine View Trailer, Ltd. 7190 St RT 13 Greenwich, Ohio, to be used in the Parks Department, and declaring an emergency.

PURCHASE 2022 FORD F-250 TRUCK FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #22-072

ORDINANCE: #22-072

Authorizing the Public Works Director to purchase, according to STS pricing contract criteria, one (1) 2022 Ford F-250 truck from Valley Ford Truck, 5715 Canal Road, Cleveland, Ohio, and one (1) new aluminum utility trailer from Pine View Trailer, Ltd. 7190 St RT 13 Greenwich, Ohio, to be used in the Parks Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 22-072 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 questions or comments? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION: None

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 22-072 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. We can now vote on bill 22-072. Passes 8 to 0, thank you very much.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything else to come before council this evening?

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader I happened to see her first.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just...I just want to make sure because we did vote on the record the 7.5 million. Is that...like that's the record, that's what we voted on. Is that going to cause any issues in the future? Do we need to change that?

CHRIS BROWN: You're just talking about the online portion?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes, the online.

PHIL SCOTT: The we voted on here.

CHRIS BROWN: Yep, yep. So, yea. The official is what's recorded on the paper copy. And then also it's acknowledged, both in caucus and in council, that that was incorrect. I do appreciate absolutely the concern. It's not any kind of royal dog that I know of. But yea it should be good to go.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Ok, thank you.

PHIL SCOTT: That was mine too.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That was yours too? Anybody else? Wonderful, fantastic. Motion to close?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

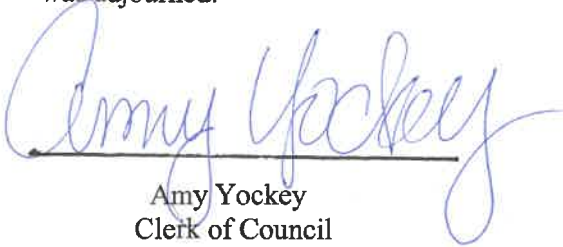
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I got a motion to second. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye


PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Were closed at 7:34 p.m.

END OF DISCUSSION

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



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



David Falquette
President