

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 6, 2020

The First monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday,
October 6, 2020 at 7:52 PM via Zoom Meeting,
due to COVID-19 pandemic

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Council.

Councilman Lawrence led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call, via Zoom: Burns, Meier, Van Harlingen (in Chambers), Davenport, Lawrence, Taddie, Scott, Falquette, and Mears.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT MEARS: This is the public comment section. Are any Council persons in receipt of comments from the public to be read at this point?

JEAN TADDIE: Yes.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Councilwoman Taddie.

JEAN TADDIE: Thank you. This comment is from Deborah Mount: 114 Cliffbrook Drive. Dear City Council, as you consider how to spend the latest set of CARES money, I want to request that some of it be spent on a means by which citizens can be involved in council again. Perhaps there is a software or more staffing that could allow this. It was disturbing several weeks ago when a public hearing was held with no input permitted from the public. I wouldn't complain if it was expected we'd be in a situation where the public would be permitted again soon, but it seems the virus is not going away soon. I'm requesting that effort is put into allowing citizen involvement. Simply allowing citizens to email comments is insufficient due to the deadline that one must submit them and that we may not know the details of what we will be discussing until the meeting is in progress, as in the case of the public hearing and then we have no ability to give comments based on what was presented. I also hope you will find a way using the CARES money to archive council meetings online at least for a month or so as a public record. I believe that this option is available through Facebook. With little to no extra work or cost to the city. I guess I'm just kind of on record as agreeing with her position. And I wonder if the technology that we were approved for, for the cameras and everything in the Council Chambers will allow for more vigorous public comment?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Well since that's an IT question I'll refer that to James, but I know that James and I had a conversation a couple of months ago, regarding archiving of City Council meetings. Storage of those and a link and the determination was made that we didn't have the manpower or the storage capacity to manage something like that, but Mr. Weiner did you want to make any comments about that public comment?

JAMES WEINER: Thank you Mr. President. First of all, in regards to the Facebook storage of the meetings, we were advised at the initial meeting by Deputy Director Brown to go ahead and delete these meetings immediately at the conclusion of the meetings and then not to store them online through Facebook. I'm not sure what the reasoning was behind that. So, that would be more directed towards the Law Department. As for the link on the Facebook, or excuse me on the website, we are in the process of a

webpage redesign. However, rotating those videos out and storing those videos would include some extra storage space and some extra man hours. To be honest the IT department is currently quite strained with everything that's going on. It's not something that's impossible by any means, however my understanding is that we do save these videos within our servers and they are available per public records request. Should those be made, to where the citizen can come in and see the Council Clerks and be able to provide those videos. So, we are making every effort to make them available. To answer Councilwoman Taddies' comment, in regards to the new equipment. I don't have a timeline yet on that equipment install. It will allow for some better streaming options. We'll be able to do a multi-layer stream. Meaning we'll be able to stream directly to Facebook, YouTube a few other options all at the same time where we're kind of limited right now. From a technical standpoint the way this works we stream our meeting through Facebook and then we embed that Facebook in the website

So that people can watch that without going to Facebook. I will continue to look at options to see what we can do in regards to the public comment section. You know there is a lot of monitoring that has to go on you know, there are lot of different options that have been presented things like allowing Facebook comments and things like that, but the amount of manpower that it would take to monitor those comments and filter those comments would be not easily handled, I guess during a public meeting like this. So, we will see what we can do to come up with options to try and keep our citizens involved as best we can, but right now the best option we have is through email contact to the Representatives.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Thank you very much James for your input on that. I'm sure I speak for everybody here that we would, that we're living for the day when we can get back to normal and actually be in Council Chambers again and couldn't come too soon for me. Living with what we've got to, we're in uncharted waters and we have to do what we have to do and wait for the Governor's release of the current restrictions that we have on public gatherings. Any other comments from the comment section? Okay, moving on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NONE

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Would Mayor Theaker like to address Council?

MAYOR THEAKER: The only one thing that I would like to say is that, you know that the County is in the red and we have been defined as red and there is a good possibility that we may even go to purple, which we don't know exactly what the actual restraints will be, but I'm sure the Governor will come up with his guidelines for us. If and when we ever go into the purple. So, that's just the information for the County.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Right, and I was at the...a County meeting earlier today and I understand the decision or at least the press conference, that will be Thursday at two o'clock, will identify what our color will be for Richland County. IF we do turn purple, we will be the first of eighty-eight counties to turn purple. We'll find out at two o'clock, on Thursday, at the Governor's press conference. So, thank you Mayor for that. Law Director Spon did you have anything for us?

LAW DIRECTOR SPON: I just wanted to reemphasize the comments regarding the possibility that our county will turn purple. Obviously if it does, we just want to be more vigilant in terms of the danger of this virus. When you think about it, out of oh, eight-eight counties we could be the only county in purple, it would mean that the danger presented to our citizens in Richland County is higher than any other county in the State of Ohio. So, we care about our citizens and it just reminds us to be responsible.

JEAN TADDIE: Could I add one more point in support of that thought, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Absolutely.

JEAN TADDIE: That, I just want to reiterate, probably many of us watch the Governor's conferences, that the color coding does not include the prisons. They exclude those figures. So, when the media says it's going up in RIC, it really is, but those.

Aren't the numbers they look at they take that out when they determine what level. So, there's a significant amount of community spread.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman. Anything further? Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

MONDAY DEADLINE

NONE

SUSPEND RULES

COUNCILWOMAN BURNS: I move with respect to all the bills, 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. Falquette. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

AUTHORIZING PWD TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH DEBT RECOVERY SOLUTIONS

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-181 *Amended

ORDINANCE #20-182

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a professional services contract with Debt Recovery Solutions, to be the third-party debt collection agent for the City of Mansfield to collect delinquent water and sewer accounts, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-181 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:7 Nays: 1 (Burns)

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

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Yes, Mr. President, please?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Sir.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Even though this is a unique bill and a unique situation, I still have some concerns about this. One of the things I would like to ask Director, maybe Director Remy maybe Director Spon, the Law Director; is there any reason why the contract for service, why this could not be included as an attachment to this bill in support for this piece of legislation?

DIRECTOR REMY: You're asking if the contract, as put together by D.R.S., can be attached as an attachment for the legislation?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: That is correct...that is correct.

DIRECTOR REMY: I know of no reason that it cannot be.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Okay. The other question that I would have, Director Remy, we do have pieces of legislation from the past that really don't have an end date it's authorizing the Public Works Director to...blah, blah, blah, blah blah and there are a few examples of where these are never ending; they don't have an end date. Now since this and your explanation on this contract...thank you, Sir.

DIRECTOR REMY: Yeah.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: That answered a lot of my questions and or concerns. Is there any reason since we are specifically saying that D.R.S. and we are just new in this; we have a concern with our utility bills, is there any reason why this piece of legislation, being the first one...is there any reason why we can't put a date on this? Maybe to match the contract for one year. Let's see what happens? Maybe there are others that will express an interest in this and come forward and be also eligible for this type of service.

DIRECTOR REMY: I'm not sure I understand what you're asking for.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Okay. The legislation, very simply, so states that you want to enter into a professional service with the D.R.S....

DIRECTOR REMY: Right.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And that's it. Your contract is going to have an enter date. Is there a start...is there going to be a stop date?

DIRECTOR REMY: There is a date, if I recall looking at it, it is an open-ended agreement that is terminable at either party's request.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Correct.

DIRECTOR REMY: With thirty days' notice.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: ...And I. And I...

DIRECTOR REMY: In simple terms it would be a one-year contract with a roll over for successive years or until someone terminated it.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Okay.

DIRECTOR REMY: That's how I would interpret it.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, and that's what I'm looking at in our Bill 20-181. Where we would have...the contracts good to go, but I would like to see the legislation have an end date so that maybe others that might be interested would hopefully come forward sooner than later. I'm not... your contract with D.R.S. doesn't sound conclusive. I mean, you have options here and I appreciate that. I'm just concerned about the piece of legislation here where it isn't open ended there is an end date where we have to review this again.

DIRECTOR REMY: Well, if you attach the contract to the legislation, you put an end date to it. You're adopting and putting that agreement in place, as I told you today in discussions.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Right.

DIRECTOR REMY: The contract is a non-exclusive contract, which indicates to everyone out there that might be in the same business that they can ask the city and approach the city to share in the debt collection process with us, similar to what is currently going on in the Clerk of Courts office. I have no opposition to sharing the burden of collection here. As explained earlier, I believe at the last Council meeting by the Mayor, Debt Recovery Solutions came to us....

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Right.

DIRECTOR REMY: ...With this proposal. We sat down with them and we asked them a number of different questions and got them answered to our satisfaction and the only time we heard from anyone else is when we processed this legislation and put it out there for public view. I have heard nothing from any other debt collection service on the City of Mansfield. Save and except one phone call relative to this and it was a question of why...whether or not we had to bid this process and I indicated to that person that we did not have to have to necessarily, because it was a professional service. But, any other debt service agency can come in and ask to share, like I said, share this process. There isn't anything stopping them from doing that. I don't think it's the City's obligation to go out and seek that. Especially, since we've been approached by one of and by itself.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well...

DIRECTOR SPON: Mr. President?

DIRECTOR REMY: I don't see...I don't see a necessity to...I think you muddy the water by putting it in there, some language in the legislation that's contrary to what the contract says. If you want me to approach Debt Recovery Solutions with a one-year contract with the option to renew on an annual basis and make it more definitive, we can do that and I'm open to do that as I indicated in changing the dates and the activation date of the contract for August to whenever Council passes it.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Mhmm.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Thank you Director Remy. Director Spon had a comment.

DIRECTOR SPON: I was going to mention, you can't put an end date in the legislation unless you have an end date in the contract. The present contract does not have an end date. It has an initial term of one year, and if I understand it correctly, automatic renewable probable year after that and year after that; subject to the right of either party to terminate the contract at any time.

So, I agree with Director Remy. There's no preclusion for any other companies to contact the City and say they want to be a part of this process, giving them the opportunity to make some money as well. But, we, Council has to decide what they want on this initial contract. Do they want an end date period, or do they

want to leave it as it is, with the open invitation to any other collection companies to submit any proposal they want for the City, as well.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, Director Spon, I'm not, I'm having trouble finding anything that says one year with the option to renewal. The only thing I'm finding is, in item number seven, either party, on a thirty-day notice, can terminate this. I'm not finding any timelines at all. I mean, to me it's an open check; it's wide open. The legislation...

DIRECTOR SPON: Yeah, I don't have a copy of that contract. So, I was trying to interpret Director Remy's statement. So, I do not know if it has an end date in it or if it does not.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Yeah. No...no...no...it doesn't. Well, the date the agreement is entered has to be, obviously, the correct date whenever the Director does this, but I'm not finding anything, other than item seven, that says either party has the option to terminate with a thirty-day notice. The legislation just...there is no end date. It's just...Debt Recovery...

DIRECTOR REMY: If I might. You're driven by the contract itself. Again, if you want me to change the contract or make the contract more definitive, in that it is a one-year contract with an automatic renewal thereafter, unless indicated otherwise by the party, either party. We can do that, that's not a problem. That way you do have a terminable date in it and your terminable date is tied to your legislation. I would not put a terminable date in the legislation. I can have them indicate that we want to change the contract to be a one-year contract with an automatic renewal unless either party indicates otherwise. Then you do have a definitive date on it. It's a one-year contract with a rollover. That occurs a lot of times.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: So, would this option also be available to others who might express an interest in this service?

DIRECTOR REMY: Absolutely. I would make both contracts almost identical. Because, legislation controls how much third-party debt collection can receive and some of the terms and conditions of the contract should mirror each other for all intents and purposes, in my opinion.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And I agree Director. It should be fair and open to all.

DIRECTOR REMY: Right.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you. What...if I could paraphrase what I think I heard, just to make sure, it sounds if now, today we have termination within thirty days' notice by either party. So, we could start this contract tomorrow; next month find out there's a glitch, we could then put a thirty day notice out and we could be out of this contract by December as opposed to changing it to a one-year with a roll over. We'd have to wait until next October before we could break the contract. I think that's what I'm hearing. I think the contract as it's written is
Much more flexible today, before we change it and maybe we're better off not changing it.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And I...

DIRECTOR REMY: And I agree with you Mr. Falquette. That's exactly the situation as it's written right now.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: So, in other words this piece of legislation just goes on indefinitely?

DIRECTOR REMY: No, the legislation's authorizing me to sign the agreement, as it has been presented. Other than changing the date it's activation date.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And...okay. And then the agreement then, the contract, could go on indefinitely?

DIRECTOR REMY: It could. Or we could exercise the right to terminate it with thirty days' notice at any time.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Is that normal? Do we have very many contracts where they never end, they never review, they go on indefinitely?

DIRECTOR REMY: I think that's... I don't... I would say we've had such things in the past, at least for professional services standpoint. Again, we have the ability to terminate this contract if we enter into it October...today, or authorize to enter into it, we could terminate it, technically terminate it by the end of the year and not have to wait until October of next year.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, and I understand that I just feel that the termination clause by either party, I have no problem with that. I'm questioning one organization going on indefinitely and Council will never see it again.

PRESIDENT MEARS: So, I think our choices here are to pass it as is, pull it and possibly change the contract to indicate a one-year contract or modify one or the other legislation or contract.

JEAN TADDIE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Councilwoman Taddie.

JEAN TADDIE: If I could ask Mr. Van Harlingen, because I'm supportive of the fact that other organizations could get in, so I'm not as concerned about that part, but is it, Mr. Van Harlingen, are you thinking that we need to have an end date to this contract specifically or are you thinking that you want to be able to bring this back for Council's review every so...periodically. If so maybe we could put that in the legislation and not have to mess with the contract so much.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I think Council should have the opportunity to see what's going on. We ended up with an amount exceeding four million dollars in bad debt and that didn't happen yesterday. And now I, well, I would be interested and I made this comment in the past; we just raised everybody's water bills because we're not, because we have a problem with funding. And now we have this debt. I just feel that somebody, we as legislators who have to vote on this have the right, somewhere along the line once a year, every other year; water and sewer bills are supposed to be reviewed every two years. I don't recall them ever being reviewed since I've been on Council, with the exception of that we have to raise the rates, because we've got a problem with the E.P.A. I don't want to see...I'm concerned about the accountability for four million dollars.

JEAN TADDIE: So, could we amend the legislation to say something like, well, like you said it already says in legislation elsewhere that it's going to be reviewed but it doesn't get reviewed so, I mean, do we need a better technology to track our agendas over multiple years perhaps? I think we could put something in there, that we have another legislation that says that this shall be reviewed you know, every year- two years whatever, for any of the contractors that we contract with for debt recovery.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, often policy and law is good it just, it needs to be enforced and we just need to look at it. Sometimes, these things get side-tracked just because there are other fires burning and I understand that. I just, I'm concerned and the Law Director, Director Spon made it very clear and Director Remy made it very clear, they don't need to bid this they don't need to... we can.... And there's other things for these services. We have a piece of legislation that's in front of us that's open ended. It never ends. I would like...Okay. I will go with this. I will go with this, but I am now very interested in what we are billing and what we are collecting. Because, we should have never gotten to this point. And, once again Director Remy, I appreciate you taking this on.

DIRECTOR SPON: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Director.

DIRECTOR SPON: I mean you can add to the legislation, authorizing the Safety Service Director to inter into a contract and add the contract and results of the contract shall be reviewed in one year.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay, Amy, do you...could you add that on....

DIRECTOR REMY: ...It's got to be put on...

PRESIDENT MEARS: ...We've added it before...

DIRECTOR REMY: ...It's got to out in Section 1, not the header, because the header's not official legislation.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Then someone needs to make a motion to that effect, unless that was a motion and if it was a motion, then somebody needs to second it.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Well, let me ask this, Director Spon, is this something we can do now on the fly or would it be wiser to pull the legislation, amend it and bring it back next time?

DIRECTOR SPON: No, I'm supportive of... to do the city's business promptly...

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay.

DIRECTOR SPON: ...And when there's not any major issues there's a valid concern that Councilman Van Harlingen raised and that concern can be easily resolved. He's desirous of the results of the contract be reviewed at some point and time. So, we have a specific contract. That contract says it can be terminable by either party. But, we can add to the legislation that the results of this contract shall be reviewed in one year. One year later we see what's been recovered. I'm not optimistic that very much is going to be recovered and I'm not necessarily optimistic that it's going to work, because it's another issue, but when you have a collection company saying they won't earn a penny unless the city gets a hundred percent of the money back; that might work in a few instances, but I'm not...I don't have a lot of confidence in that, usually on debt collection you wheel and deal and you get a percentage of the account and in this case it would not only be the city getting monies but it would be a collection agency getting money. But they're only supposed to get an amount of money once we've gotten a hundred percent of it and I'm just not confident that we're going to be able to recover a hundred percent of any account and I'm not confident that the collection agency's going to be energized by experiencing failures to not be able to get a hundred percent of the account after their efforts and then they make nothing. So, you never know, I'm not an expert

in this field of collections, but, I am familiar with the problems collection agencies do have and they have an idea of what they can recover on certain accounts, but it's worth a try and I certainly commend Director Remy for making this effort in...but to solve this problem this evening, all we have to do is say the results of this agreement shall be reviewed in one year, unless there is strong objections from Service Director Remy.

DIRECTOR REMY: No, I have no problem with adding that language. But, again it needs to be in Section 1, because the header is just the header...and Amy's added it. I have no problem with that.

DIRECTOR SPON: Okay, thanks Dave. Thank you.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Director Spon...Director Spon, I like your suggestion and I think we covered this once before, can this contract for service be added as an attachment to this Bill?

DIRECTOR SPON: Yes, but do we have the finalized version of the contract?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, I'm assuming I'm looking at the finalized contract with the exception that Director Remy needs to take out and put in the proper date.

DIRECTOR SPON: So, the legislation can make reference to the contract, but then simply state: which a copy that is attached hereto and incorporated herein. And so, you're passing legislation that makes reference to a contract and you're incorporating all the terms and conditions of the contract itself into the actual legislation by operation of law.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Okay.

DIRECTOR REMY: You want to say in substantial conformity with what's been presented because you're going to change the date...the activation date of the contract. So, amended to add...review and add contract as exhibit as substantially in conformity with what's on file with the Public Works Director.

DIRECTOR SPON: Whatever will work. There's more than one way of doing it.

DIRECTOR REMY: Right.

DIRECTOR SPON: But, whatever Dave and City Council wants. I just suggest one way of doing it.

DIRECTOR REMY: Contract...contract...excuse me, the contract has a date in it. We need to change the date.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And for that matter Director Remy, is there any reason why you cannot provide the contract itself with a blank line for the date just showing an amended....

DIRECTOR REMY: Absolutely. I can do that. I can get that to Amy tomorrow.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And then at that when you get together with the Debt Recovery Solutions you will then have an actually contract; dated contract.

DIRECTOR REMY: No problem.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Would that be proper legally?

DIRECTOR REMY: Yeah, that would be fine. We just have to make sure that what is attached has a blank date in it.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Correct. We want to get rid of August the sixth, that's for sure.

DIRECTOR REMY: Correct.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Are we good with the revision of the legislation, Councilman Van Harlingen?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I think it would be proper to make a motion Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay, if you're satisfied. Are you making the motion then?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I would like to make a motion
To amend Bill 20-181 to add the language the results of this contract will be reviewed in one year under Section 1....

DAVID FALQUETTE: ...Second....

JON VAN HARLINGEN: ...And also, I would like to make a motion that a blank copy is added as an amendment to this piece of legislation 20-181, as provided by the Public Works Director.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Do you want to make that all in one, all-inclusive motion, so that we don't have to vote two times?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: That's...that was my intent Mr. Falquette, unless we need to break it up.

DAVID FALQUETTE: I'll second the whole inclusive motion.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay, we have a motion and a second, is there any discussion on the motion to amend the language accordingly? Alright then I will call for the vote.

A motion was made and a vote was taken to amend language on Bill#20-181 results are as follows:
Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Motion passed 8-0

PRESIDENT MEARS: Back to you Mr. Van Harlingen. Would you like to put it back on the floor for a vote?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Oh, excuse me, Sir, I'm already passing it along here. Move it up Amy, so I can see the number here. I already... okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

APPROVING ADOPTION OF THE PARKS MASTER PLAN

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL # 20-185 * Amended

****Second Read**

ORDINANCE# 20-186

Expressing approval for the adoption of the “Parks Master Plan” a plan created by EMH&T Engineering, Surveyors, Planners & Scientist encompassing all city-owned park land.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, Bill 20-185 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion?

JEAN TADDIE: Yes, Mr. President, if I could.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Councilwoman Taddie.

JEAN TADDIE: Thank you. Well, I love that we’ve got a plan in the marks and goals to strive for and cool parks we can look forward to. I would like to distinguish for...I’m trying to place which bills I want to say what for. But for the plan itself, there’s a number of pages as we know that say that per request by the administration it’s recommended we place this in the Land Bank and what I would like to distinguish is, the parks that are open parks that we have to literally close down and the parks that are already closed or never were a park in the first place; never were functioning as a park. And because I was looking through the legislation, is it Section 937, I’m sorry I didn’t make a note of that, about the parks. I didn’t notice anything about closing parks or how to handle, you know, interacting with the community about closing parks or anything like that. So, I would like our legislation and I’m not prepared to make a motion at this point, I will forward something in the intro that we take a look at park closers and kind of be more intentional about that. So, I’ll say more on the next bill I guess. But, for this particular bill I would appreciate seeing that we go back and not only include that this is recommended for giving it to the Land Bank, but also below that... but if we didn’t give it to the Land Bank, this is what EMH&T originally suggested we do with it. So, I guess I will contemplate how I will work on that and see how my colleagues feel about that. A distinction between those parks that are never open and those parks that never were.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay, thank you Councilwoman. Any...

MARK ABRAMS: Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, please, Mr. Abrams.

MARK ABRAMS: For some reason I didn’t get all the audio of what Ms. Taddie had to say. Is there anyway somebody can kind of summarize that for me? Apparently, it was cutting out. I couldn’t quite understand the point she was trying to make.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Well, Councilwoman Taddie, could you maybe summarize for Mr. Abrams? You’re muted right now, Councilwoman. There you go.

JEAN TADDIE: Thank... Mark can you hear me now? Can you hear me Mark? I can’t...

PRESIDENT MEARS: You’re muted Mr. Abrams.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Now Mark’s muted.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Right.

JEAN TADDIE: I'm concerned...

MARK ABRAMS: I'm not hearing anything. I'm getting about every third word.

JEAN TADDIE: He's not hearing me. So...

PRESIDENT MEARS: You might have an issue with his Wi-Fi. Maybe if you spoke to him off line... is my guess because he's not able to hear, it's probably at his end.

JEAN TADDIE: If I could just summarize briefly and anybody wants to relay that, for the park plan where it says, "these parks are recommended for closer by the administration", I would like to see also, what the plan b... what the original plan was for those parks. I believe they were in an earlier draft. So that...those being the parks that are currently open and functioning as a park.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay, thank you Councilwoman. Any further discussion on this bill? Again, it's the second reading only. We're not voting tonight. Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF 10 PROPERTIES NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PARKS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL # 20-186 *Amended ** Second Read

ORDINANCE # 20-187

Authorizing the City of Mansfield to transfer to the Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation ten properties located within the City, specifically identified in section 1 of this Ordinance, which no longer serve a public purpose and are unneeded and no longer required for public park purposes.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 20-186 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Falquette.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion on this bill?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Yes, Mr. President, and I'm going to make this real short and sweet. There is a City Park Conveyance Agreement for these properties until the Land Bank has the opportunity to dispose of them or make other use. Should that not be a part of this legislation? So that we know what's happening with this?

JEAN TADDIE: Can I comment on that and I think as a response, I don't think the Land Bank is voting on that until tomorrow.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Okay, for purposes on the contract? Okay. But, for purposes of our legislation should this not be included as an attachment? We have another reading, I'm just throwing it out there. Thank you.

JEAN TADDIE: I like that idea. I think it should be included in the legislation, yes. I would second that motion.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Well, I'm not really making a motion at this time, it's just for conversation.

PRESIDENT MEARS: I apologize I apparently had a problem with my network and I missed all that, whatever happened. Was everybody else online and everything was fine?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yeah, I heard most of it.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. I'm sorry I locked up. So, we had a second reading of 20-186 and was there any discussion?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: Mr. President, all I did. Food for thought, I just threw it out there, that the City Parks has a conveyance and an agreement that as Miss Taddie said, all this is going to be voted on tomorrow with the Land Bank. Should this agreement for taking care of these properties until the Land Bank has the opportunity to find an end user, should this agreement not be an attachment with this piece of legislation? Food for thought. I'm not making any motions on this at this time.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Any further discussion on this bill?

JEAN TADDIE: I did have a question that I'd like to research a little further if I could get pointed in the right direction. So, clearly this evening, the city is able to sell our land and make economical moves...so...and I didn't see anything in the parks legislation about closing parks, selling parks having to be auctioned. Is that a matter of State Law or is that our Code that says we... I was told at a last meeting we have to auction our parks, that we cannot outright sell them ourselves. Can we... can someone point me in the right direction on that?

DIRECTOR REMY: I can. I will give my two cents. State Statute requires us to sell property at public auction or in an open bid process, unless it's an economic development project. Economic development projects do not have to be bid out and don't have to go...we can sell under a different statute, they're an exception. But, park land, other than selling it through the Land Bank or...has to be sold by the method of a public auction.

NOTE: Technical difficulties resulted in a brief interruption and split recording herein.

JEAN TADDIE: So, if I could, when you have a property, like twenty some acres, I believe it's a green field, at Hamilton Park and it's right there by the highway and its high visibility, it seems like it's very valuable. What are the downsides for getting that value for the city? I'm not clear on that, why we want to give away Hamilton Park, right there by the...

DIRECTOR REMY: I'm just saying, that park lands are specifically addressed by State Statues that say that park land have to be sold at on a public land basis unless they are utilizing the method we are here for selling them to the land bank, or giving them to the Land Bank.

JEAN TADDIE: Well, I think it's great that our housing market is apparently very hot and we are apparently making some good economic development; people are investing in our community. And I want to think that, I want us to think about our land as valuable and that, you know, when we take an asset away from the community that we get something for that. And I've gotten a lot of questions about what are we going to get. So, I have a concern about Hamilton Park, for that purpose on this bill and the other three would be Newman, Julia Underhill and Whetstone. Especially Neman. We have a legacy. When we tear

down properties, in Mansfield, all over the city where the remnants were buried, I can only...I mean as recently as the YMCA. I talked to leaders of an organization who wanted to buy that property and develop... do some training center and all that, but found out that the remnants were below ground and it was not useful to them. So, we could have... we could potentially take away a park at Newman Street only to find that it's not useful for the development that we hope for and so I suggest that... and I continue to see kids play ball and playing on the swing and, you know, hanging out at the park and so I suggest we, we consider these differently. We go ahead and move through the Sherman Estates, the Ritter's Run etc., the ones that never really were a park. Let those go through and be more mindful of the other four, so I would appreciate some feedback from my colleagues on that.

MARK ABRAMS: Mr. President, if I may, I have my audio working now.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Sir.

MARK ABRAMS: Miss Taddie, I believe that you and I discussed the whole issue with the...Newman Park and speaking with Amy Hamrick, from the Land Bank, it doesn't necessarily negate new development, it kind of slows it down, but it doesn't necessarily stop it. So, just for that it would be able to be re-developed. And I do believe, I don't know I think, Amy was supposed to be on this meeting tonight, but I do believe that they have end users for most everyone of these parks, as of right now. So, I just wanted to add that.

JEAN TADDIE: I think Amy did... just on mute. Can we invite Amy to give us an update on that?

AMY HAMRICK: If it's okay with you guys, I can.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Sure. Absolutely.

AMY HAMRICK: I did talk to the developer, especially about Newman. It's my understanding that the building was not overly big. The Land Bank has developed an grant program for developers; when we find buried demolition debris were the Land Bank does help in these developers where, you know, to give them grant to help remove the buried debris to make this land more useful. We did that the September 9th, meeting; we created that grant program. And we do have, we do have potential development for almost all of the parks right...at this point and time.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Anything further on this bill?

JEAN TADDIE: Well, if I could just close with saying, in the case of Newman's Street Park it is the only basketball court in-between John's Park and Liberty Park. and I do have constituents being on record saying that they do not appreciate people who put basketball hoops in front of their own yard. I have a lot of people in the sixth Ward who do not have a garage, who put them in the street and I do get complaints about that. So, we can give the kids a legitimate place to play ball or we can find them playing ball in the streets and I just want you to consider that when I think this is a little different than putting in development where there wasn't already a basketball court, playground...all that.

PRESIDENT MEARS; Okay. Thank you, Councilwoman. Anything further on 20-186? Again, it's not up for a vote tonight.

END OF DISCUSSION

HONORING RETIREE: DEBRA KELLER

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL# 20-192

ORDINANCE# 20-193

Honoring Administrative Assistant Debra Keller upon her retirement from the City of Mansfield Finance Department.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-192 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I would just like to make a quick comment Mr. President. I've known Miss Keller for a good many years and I've had the pleasure, when I was working with some of the Federal Grants and some of the things that I was involved in... Community Devolvment, whatever. She will truly be missed. She was very knowledgeable. She always had a smile on her face. She will truly be missed by other City employees of the City of Mansfield. Congratulations Miss Keller.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Thank you Councilman. Anything further? Any further comments? Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

HONORING RETIREE: MICHAEL SCHWAMBERGER

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-193

ORDINANCE# 20-194

Honoring Confidential Accountant Michael Schwamberger upon his retirement from the City of Mansfield Finance Department.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-193 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: And once again, Mr. President, if I could please? Just as well as Miss Keller, Deb Keller, I cannot say enough about Mike Schwamberger, his time with the City and his expertise. Both of them had their skills and very knowledgeable within the finance department. Once again Mr. Schwamberger will be missed and thank you for your service, Sir and enjoy your retirement.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Any other comments?

DAVID FALQUETTE: I think, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Sir.

DAVID FALQUETTE: It is remiss that we don't get to see these folks at the live meeting and then give our gratitude for both of these folks for serving our City for these many years. I thank them both for that.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Well, I agree, but we did send invitations out to join us here online on the Zoom Meeting. I know I spoke to Michael yesterday, and he has a class tonight and he would not have been able to make it anyway. Okay.

END OF DISCUSSION

DEMOLITION: 91 GREENWOOD AVENUE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-194

ORDINANCE # 20-195

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (91 Greenwood Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-194 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: The Clerk will now read 19... Oh, it says 19-194, I believe that...

CLERK AMY: Okay.

PRESIDENT MEARS: ...That should be 20-194. Thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

DEMOLITION: 111 ORCHARD STREET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-195

ORDINANCE # 20-196

Declaring the remains of a commercial building (111 Orchard Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-195 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

DEMOLITION: 113-115 WILLOW STREET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-196

ORDINANCE # 20-197

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (113-115 Willow Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-196 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Councilman Van Harlingen? Councilman Van Harlingen? Can you hear me Councilman?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I'm sorry I lost track of where we're at Mr. President.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Oh, that's fine. We're at Bill 20-196.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: For a vote?

PRESIDENT MEARS: No, for...to make....

DAVID FALQUETTE: Place it on the floor.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Motion to put it on the floor for the Clerk to read.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: I'm moving ahead here. I apologize.

PRESIDENT MEARS: (Inaudible)

END OF DISCUSSION

DEMOLITION: 181 SOUTH ADAMS STREET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-197

ORDINANCE # 20-198

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (181 South Adams Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-197 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: And yes, James is working on a voting software, so we don't have to do this so much. So, I'll be glad when that day comes, I'm sure you will be too.

END OF DISCUSSION

DEMOLITION: 258 REMY AVENUE

BY: MR. VANHARLINGEN

BILL# 20-198

ORDINANCE# 20-199

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (258 Remy Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-198 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

DEMOLITION: 276 SHERIDAN DRIVE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL#20-199

ORDINANCE#20-200

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (276 Sheridan Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, Bill 20-199 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

DEMOLITION: 288 WEST FOURTH STREET

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-200

ORDINANCE #20-201

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (288 West Fourth Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-200 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 Mrs. Burns. 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

DEMOLITION: 368 SEVENTH AVENUE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-201

ORDINANCE# 20-202

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling with severe fire damage (368 Seventh Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-201 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 Mrs. Burns. 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:

DEMOLITION: 481 DIRLAM COURT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-202

ORDINANCE # 20-203

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (481 Dirlam Court) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-202 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 Mrs. Burns. 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

DEMOLITION: 590 HAROLD AVENUE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-203

ORDINANCE # 20-204

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (590 Harold Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 20-203 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 Mrs. Burns. 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

THEN & NOW: AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MARK SCHAFFER EXCAVATING & TRUCKING INC.

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL# 20-204

ORDINANCE# 20-205

Authorizing payment to Mark Schaffer Excavating and Trucking, Inc. in the amount of one hundred seventy-six thousand, two hundred forty and 28/100 dollars (\$176,240.28) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-204 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

NEW REVENUE FUND (#206): MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX FUND

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-205

ORDINANCE# 20-206

Establishing new special revenue fund (#206) entitled "Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund" to account for tax funds received from municipal license plate fees as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-205 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion? Hearing none...this is one we voted on to move up to vote tonight.

END OF DISCUSSION

NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND (#426): WATER TREATMENT PLANT IMPROVEMENT FUND

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-206

ORDINANCE # 20-207

Establishing new capital projects fund (#426) entitled "Water Treatment Plant Improvement Fund" to account for bond funds for the purpose of improving the City's water treatment system, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-206 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING FINANCE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE JEEP

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-207

ORDINANCE # 20-208

Authorizing the Finance Director to purchase 2019 Jeep Compass for the Tax Enforcement from Spitzer Motors, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-207 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING PURCHASE FOR WATER TREATMENT PLANT: SUZUKI MOTOR

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-208

ORDINANCE # 20-209

Authorizing the purchase of a 2020 Suzuki outboard marine motor for use by the Water Treatment Plant at the Clearfork Reservoir, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-208 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCES 941.11 & 1123.03): REVISING ALLOWABLE SERVICE LINE MATERIAL

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL # 20-209 *Amended

ORDINANCE # 20-210

Amending Sections 941.11 (Fire Protection) and 1123.03 (Water Lines) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to revise allowable service line material, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-209 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion? Okay. Again, this is the Bill that we voted to move up the vote for tonight.

END OF DISCUSSION

AUTHORIZING PWD TO SUBMIT APPLICATION FOR FUNDING: A STORM SEWER INSTALLATION WITH A STATE BOND ISSUE NO. 1 GRANT

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

BILL# 20-210

ORDINANCE# 20-211

Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for funding a certain storm sewer installation with a State Bond Issue No. 1 Grant, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence, that Bill 20-210 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING PWD TO EXECUTE AIRPORT JOINT USE AGREEMENT WITH USA AND STATE OF OHIO

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL#20-211

ORDINANCE#20-212

Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute Addendum Number Two to the Airport Joint Use Agreement with the United States of America and the State of Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott, Bill 20-211 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING RICHLAND COUNTY GROWTH CORPORATION TO SELL LAND

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20-212

ORDINANCE #20-213

Authorizing the Richland County Growth Corporation on behalf of the City of Mansfield to sell approximately 15 acres of land located in the vicinity of Airport West Road to Adena Development, LLC, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, Bill 20-212 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR & PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR CERTAIN TAX INCENTIVES

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20-213

ORDINANCE # 20-214

Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with KJBS, and K. E. McCartney Associates, Inc., for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for renovating and expanding their existing facility 52 N. Diamond Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 20-213 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 Mrs. Burns. 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 MAYOR AND PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA SCHOOL AGREEMENT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20-214

ORDINANCE # 20-215

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area School Compensation Agreement with KJBS, LLC, K. E. McCartney Associates Inc., 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 20-214 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT FOR EXPANDING EXISTING FACILITY

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL# 20-215

ORDINANCE# 20-216

Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with One Foundation Properties, LTD., and Hess Industries, LTD., for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for expanding their existing facility at 108 Sawyer Parkway, Mansfield, Ohio 44903, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 20-215 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20-216

ORDINANCE# 20-217

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area School Compensation Agreement with One Foundation Properties, LTD., and Hess Industries, LTD, and Madison Local 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 20-216 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH 4 LIFE INVESTMENTS INC.

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20- 217

ORDINANCE # 20-218

Authorizing the Mayor and the Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with 4 Life Investments, Inc., an Indiana Corporation with its main offices located at 3472 Stellhorn Road, fort Wayne Indiana 46815 for certain tax incentives under Ohio Revised Code Chapter § 3735.66 for expanding their existing facility 424 Springmill Street, Mansfield, Ohio, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport, that Bill 20-217 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes, Sir.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes, Councilman Van Harlingen alluded to a previous interaction. A previous meet...appearance by 4 Life Investments to Council. I want to acknowledge that at that point and time, 4 Life Investments had a serious lack of direction as to what they wanted to do with this property. As noted they are from outside of Mansfield and since that time they have invested the time to get to know the neighborhood, to speak with members of the neighborhood as as...including myself and other members of Council and I am extremely excited about what they have come up with and what they are looking to bring to the City of Mansfield. I do think that it is a viable alternative for night life here for those who during the

day want to have a family gathering and those at night who are looking for an alternative to the bar scene. So, I want to emphasize that they have done their due-diligence and this project is with a lot of foresight and his initial meeting with Council is not indicative of what he is...he is doing now. You know, so...

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Thank you, Councilman. Any further comments?

JON VAN HARLINGEN: If I could comment, Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Please.

JON VAN HARLINGEN: It was pretty simple, Mr. Davenport, I just thought I recognized and remembered that. Actually, I don't think he really had a problem with Council at that time. The neighbors just didn't want to see that alley vacated and we followed their concerns. So, really was pretty simple. It sounds like he's got a pretty aggressive plan going on here by looking at the data.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT MEARS: Yes Sir, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Really appreciate Mr. Davenport's reassurances and that they took time to spend time with the representative Davenport in that area, because I was concerned and I did remember going back and forth with this company a while back and there was a lot of community concern. So, I'm really taking it that...Mr. Davenport's recommendation here so.... thank you.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Thank you for the comment. Any further comments or discussion?

END OF DISCUSSION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND PWD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA SCHOOL COMPENSATION AGREEMENT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL # 20-218

ORDINANCE # 20-219

Authorizing the Mayor and Public Works Director to enter into a Community Reinvestment Area School Compensation Agreement with 4 Life Investments Inc., 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 20-218 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.

DISCUSSION: NONE

ORDINANCE APPROVING WRITTEN POST-INSSUANCE POLICY

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-219

ORDINANCE # 20-220

An Ordinance approving a written post-issuance compliance policy in connection with the issuance of tax-exempt and tax-preferred obligations by the City.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-219 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion? Okay. As you recall this is a bill that we moved up for vote tonight.

END OF DISCUSSION

APPROVING CARES ACT EXPENDITURE: \$1,679,230.00

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

BILL # 20-220

ORDINANCE # 20-221

Approving the expenditure of \$1,679,230.00 of funds newly received under the CARES Act in the manner prescribed by and consistent with the requirements of the CARES Act, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen, that Bill 20-220 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there any discussion? This, of course, is looking at many lined items for and the Mayor explained for us. No further discussion? Okay, back to you Mr. Van Harlingen.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there anything else to come before Council tonight? Safety Service Director Cope are you with us?

DIRECTOR COPE: Yes, Sir. Thank you, Mr. President. I do have one thing.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Okay. Please proceed.

DIRECTOR COPE: Thank you. So, passing along for the Fire Chief, which I just found out tonight we have eleven firefighter that are out with either testing positive for COVID or being quarantined due to being/working closely with those. So, we're very cognizant of the budget constraints, but also just like he warned us of a few meetings ago, that, of course as first responders they are doing everything to maintain distancing and all and yet it still happens. I know we are all anxiously awaiting the report of the Governor on Thursday and certainly have hope of a positive report even though it's very questionable. So, just letting you know to keep them in your prayer and that we'll do all we can to be aware of the budget and still serve the citizens in the way that they do.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Thank you very much...

DIRECTOR COPE: ...Yes, Sir.

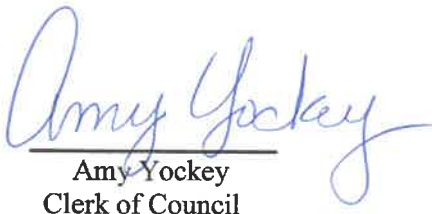
PRESIDENT MEARS: Service Director Cope for those comments. That's good information for us. Thank you again.

DIRECTOR COPE: Yes.

PRESIDENT MEARS: Is there anything else to come before Council tonight? I again, would like to thank James and Amy for handling the logistics of this meeting. You make it look flawless, you make it look easy. I'm sure it's not. Thank you for your efforts in that respect. We meet again October 20th and right now I have 9:20 and I would like to ask for a motion to adjourn.

END OF DISCUSSION

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



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



Cliff Mears
President