

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
February 7, 2023

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday February 7, 2023 at 7:16 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, and Scott (was Acting President during this meeting.) Falquette was excused.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Ok, and we have two people signed up for public comment. First is Eric Miller.

ERIC MILLER: So, I'm here speaking on behalf of the United Pothole Haters and we want to thank all the councilman who are planning to vote for the water rate increase that's going to be before you today. I know some of you have asked how did we get in this situation? How is this suddenly become so urgent? And...and as a citizen who's a self-appointed watchdog or advocate for Capital Improvements and taking care of our infrastructure. I share some blame along with many others including citizens in general who don't bring this to council's attention, really don't demand that these sorts of things be addressed the way we should as citizens. So, I'll start by saying, for those who wonder how we got this in the situation, I confess to being part of the problem. I feel a little bit better about it when I look at national resources that...that advocate for good water for our country's cities. And these National organizations run statistics on this. And what's happening in Mansfield, is happening across the Nation. People neglect infrastructure and let their water systems decline and they move slowly towards a catastrophic problem. And so, we have company in what we're doing here. Which is we're now trying to make up for lost time. So, I would say that we're fortunate here in Mansfield. We've had a lot of intense discussion about this. It's got people's attention. Now is a good time while the Public's paying attention to vote for this water rate increase. So again, I thank those of you who are planning to vote for the water rate increase. And I'll just say it as time goes on you'll be glad you voted for it and as time goes on we'll find out if this is enough. We might well decide that still more needs to be done to restore our water delivery system in order to avoid a far more expensive even catastrophic problem. So. thank you very much.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Thank you. Next, we have Gary Mion.

GARY MION: Gary Mion, get it right. I'm too old for this stuff you guys. Anyhow I'm here to support Eric and his interest in water for the City of Mansfield. I'm also here to thank all of you for all that you do for the City of Mansfield. If I were to be making choices, I have to apologize, water would be at the top of the list. I mean we can repair this building but if we didn't have water, we wouldn't be able to. So, to me food, shelter, water, was the important things primarily. And I wrote Mr. Falquette a letter and I cc'ed Cheryl Meier and Bob Bianca...Bianchi, yep. These are rough times and I understand and I don't want to be long. But I think it was in 2019 there was a fire on Foster Avenue and little girl died and there was a fire hydrant right outside the door of the house. It had no pressure. It was useless. And that really bothered me. I started to get involved way back in 2019. Then the pandemic came. I apologize, I dropped the ball. I

couldn't pay attention to stuff. But I thought the ball was rolling in the right direction but I recently saw Mr. Bianchi's, what would you call that Eric? Okay well just call it a map of hydrants. And how many hydrants in our city do not have enough water pressure to be serviceable? And maybe everybody's aware of that. I was not until I saw that and it happened because of a Christmas gathering. So that's why I'm here tonight. Thanks everybody. But if you can put water at the top of the list and my letter addresses the fact that you have this investment infrastructure and jobs act. Where that money is meant for exactly those purposes and I don't think that this water rate increase is going to take care of Mansfield's aging water delivery system. It's a really serious big, big problem and needs big ideas. Which I don't have. So that's your job, okay?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President, just a quick point of order.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Yes

STEPHANIE ZADER: We did not get the name and address on the record for either of the people that spoke.

GARY MION: I can get it to you. I can get it to you.

MULTIPLE PEOPLE: Say it in the microphone.

GARY MION: Oh, say it in the microphone. I think I live at 384 North Townview Circle. That's in Mansfield.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Thank you.

GARY MION: Yep. That's M-i-o-n.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Yep, we got up here.

GARY MION: Oh, ok. Thanks folks. Have a nice evening.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Thank you. I do believe we have no other body signed up for public comments so we will move along. Are there any committee reports? No committee reports. Mayor do you have anything for Council?

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

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Director Remy?

DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing, sir.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Assistant Law Director Brown?

CHRIS BROWN: No thank you sir.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Ok. We will now proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns.

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President we have no late bills. But I would like to 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Ok, first piece of legislation is bill 22-217. We're now in 23, so I guess that shows how long we've been dealing with this piece of legislation. With that, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 22-217 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall now read 22-217.

AMY YOCKEY: Amending Section 941.08 (Water Charges) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates, and declaring an emergency

WATER RATE CHARGES

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #22-217

ORDINANCE: 22-???

Amending Section 941.08 (Water Charges) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates, and declaring an emergency

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 22-217 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Is there any discussions on bill 22-217? Mr. Diaz.

DISCUSSION:

AURELIO DIAZ: Before I vote for this, in support of this tonight, I'd like to say that first of all Mr. Bianchi I thank you. I thank you from the whole city. You and your extraordinary staff for all that you've done in terms of providing so much information, video, maps, spreadsheets, everything. You've been a huge help and I've heard so many constituents say that's really been informal...I mean informative. And I thank you for that. Also like to say that everyone of us who are voting on this, I respect every person's decision where they vote for it or against it. I think postponing it as long as we have it's been crucial. It shows that we really been doing our homework and we know this affects constituents. It affects our families. It affects you. It affects your employees. So I think we're all prepared for the criticism we're going to get and I don't think that's really important. Take away all the grandstanding you've been hearing all these past few months, this

is about infrastructure and health and safety. We need to quit blaming the mayor. We need quit blaming people who used to work here. And we should have done this. We should have done that. Okay well we know that. But we need to get past that. We're always accusing people and fighting in house. But we have hydrants that aren't working properly. Then we're saying "well we're always reacting," so we're going to wait till someone dies and then we're going to complain about doing something later. You can't mess around with water and it's health and safety. And I keep saying it over and over. And so...and my background is social services. So, a lot of my clients are people with very low incomes. I was speaking with the group of elders yesterday, 60 people, with very fixed incomes. And explain to them this is beyond our ward. This is an entire city thing. Yeah, we can keep blaming people, but then what? We need to do something about it. And I feel that I knew from day one I was going to support it. And I just want the public to know that we've all respectfully prayed about it. We've done our research. We've got multiple perspectives. And I thank you for all the people in the city who helped us see what we didn't know. So, thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yeah, I have more of a question for the administration. Today I realized how many levees we have on the ballot in May, including our safety levy. Last year we saw our parks levy go down. Our much-needed parks levy, go down. We are aware of how important that safety levy is to our budget. And I'm sure the Administration has thought about that. I just want to get the Administration's opinion on how the possibility of increase in these rates now may affect people's voting in May for these different levees that are going to be on the ballot.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Mayor you wish to respond? Or Director Remy

MAYOR THEAKER: Yes, Councilman I... (clears throat) excuse me. I'm hoping and praying that does not affect the safety levy. The safety levy is a renewal levy which has been on the on the books for quite some time. The safety levy is something that is completely different than the water rates. Just like Councilman Diaz was saying, the water rates is something that is definitely needed for the infrastructure. You have to look at other towns in the country that have bad or inefficient water pressure going to their houses and/or lead in their water. We have to make sure that what we provide to our citizens is the best that we can provide. And to do that we have to have an increase in water rates in order to provide. We have an aging infrastructure. The infrastructure was put in place a long, long, long time ago as discussed by engineer Bianchi. When several years back when it was brought to our attention that we needed to do something about it, we started addressing it then. And this is like we did it in the 2018...17. And we needed to work on it. And we needed to do it now. I hope and pray that our citizens realize that we need this money for infrastructure for the water and we also need the safety. So, I'm hope there's no conflict at all.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Obviously we're all well aware that I've been an outspoken opponent of this bill. I still stand by that. Because I think that I understand that safety is important and I don't want to ever see anyone lose their life because we can't provide enough water for a fire to be fought. I do think that this is still reactive. I don't think that we've taken a proactive look at this entire bill or this entire ordinance and updated it. I think that we're leaving money on the table by not updating the tap rates and we've talked about it a lot in here. But I've talked to the developers that are actually building here and they're not opposed to the tap rates being raised. So, I don't know...I guess I don't understand the push back on that. And I am concerned about the fact that there are six levees if a person is in Madison School District inside the city limits. That's a 30...it's a 30% increase in their property taxes this year and that's before the newly assessed tax rates come after they do the new appraisals. That's going to be a huge hit to households. I understand the need for this. I also I'm not against an increase. I'm against just this. First of all, the blanket 3% with no checks and balances. I think that our Finance Director showed up here last meeting and showed us that we

didn't need necessarily a 32% increase. I just think this is very reactive. So, I stand by my what I said since day one. I don't feel that we this is the best we can do.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Councilman Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you sir.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Councilwoman.

CHERYL MEIER: I haven't said much in public about this. But I guess the one thing that I, before voting for this this evening, I would like to, and this is no reflection on Mr. Bianchi, but I would like to say that I do believe what Mrs. Zader has said. We do need checks and balances. If this passes tonight, I feel like we need to have some...someone who's watching over this a little more closely and reporting back to us. So, that we aren't in this situation again. We're two years into a 3-year rate hike and we are now coming back to the citizens and saying we messed up, that wasn't enough. And so, I just really feel like however that has to happen I feel like we need to have some checks and balances. Somebody with some more accountability coming to us so that we know where we stand and we aren't being reactive versus proactive.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Councilman Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Also want to say if this fails that the Administration, whether it's this Administration or the next Administration, take this time. Cuz you know Director Steward she laid out of a very detailed forecast in regard to our next couple of years. So, if this fails I'm hoping; like I said whether it's this Administration, towards the end of this Administration, or at the beginning of the next Administration, that we look at this again and if we are in a situation where we are needing those dollars that you bring it back to us. You know it's not a situation that if it's fails that we can never do it. You know so I want to make that clear to the administration that myself personally would be open to looking at this again when we have more data when we have more information on whether or not these increases are actually needed.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any other comment? Yep, Rev. El.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thanks Mr. President. I think for me we have looked at this since February 7th and have looked at it over and over and over again and I have talked with Bob and the 3% increase as was said that it has to be reviewed every 2 years. Which means there's check and balances as far as I'm concerned from what I heard. It's going to be reviewed every two years. So, we look at it again and see what is in it. And considering what has happened in the past, I don't know because I wasn't in the council then. And I don't know why people did not make that decision or why it did not come up then. But now it's up to us. And for me, I think, if I have to wait until something happens it will be reactionary. But now I want to take a proactive step to make sure that if we have problem with water or anything somebody is going to be there to do something about it. So, Bob has done a good job. And we've done a good job in trying to really make this not something that we decision made hastily. Because it's not hastily decision now for anyone who be upset that there's increase. I think if the increase goes into effect it affects me too everybody. So, I am not one of the millionaires in town. As to say well you know I'm not crossed about it. I thought about it. I'll talk to people. And people in my ward has called me. There's pros and cons. So, for me tonight I believe it's proper for me to vote for it. Let's get this going. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Councilwoman Moton.

KIM MOTON: Thank you. I've had a lot of phone calls too. Both for and against. But I think that when I look at the overall picture here and the fact that we're really trying to be proactive, it really leads me to

consider what's been presented. And I think Mr. Bianchi has done a great job at presenting the information to us, as well as Director Steward that she gave us at last council meeting. So, with that being said my decision I'm pretty well set on and I think you know this is more of a proactive vote for me.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any other comments? With that I guess I'll leave myself to the last. I've thought about this bill a lot and I've went back and forth pro and con. Sometimes in this council I probably have spoken pretty outspokenly against it. But I gave it a lot of serious consideration. You know I go back to you know when I first ran for President of Council some 15 years ago and I was I believe at an interview, candid interview, with the...at the News Journal and I made the comment that you know we've got very aging infrastructure in this town that we need to address. And at the time I was probably looked at like what are you talking about. But you know I think it's come to perversion that it is something that that we need to look at. And we can keep kicking the can down the road waiting. For a while I thought well let's let the 23 increase, let the water meter all them that are in take effect and then we'll see where we're at in a year. But after thinking about it seriously, I think we'll be back here in a year needing to vote for the increase in the water. I also look at it was mentioned about the safety levy. I look at this as a safety issue and if the fire department can't put out fires. If they've got to go halfway down the street or farther to hook up to a hydrant that works. Meantime that house is burning to the basement, you know. And who knows in some places in this town that two or three houses could catch on fire in the meantime. So, I just think it's a necessity that we pass this. I know it's going to be hard for some people. I feel sorry for some of the people that are on fixed incomes. But I think it's something we need to bite the bullet and do. With that thank you. Councilman Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: I'm sorry, I know you want to get this over with. My other statement is really we have a wealth of resources in our county, we do, and I think a lot of us when we're hearing that there are families and individuals who are struggling with their utilities. We can assist with that. We can present types of organizations. There are so many places that can help with if you're late on your bills. If you need a little bit of cushion. And that's one thing, component, we didn't really discuss in the months prior to this is what kind of safety net can we have for our constituents, for our residents. We need to be thinking outside of just voting for this. And I think all of just have our hearts, we all care about our Wards. And this is where I think we collaborate with you guys and the people in Facebook land and all of our awesome resources. And figure out when people are actually struggling with their high bills, then we need to figure something out. We need to quit talking about it. And they maybe they're not aware of the array of resources we have. And that's the one component I think that we did miss out on talking about and hopefully as a community and as a team, we can really identify ways to help those people who happen to encounter struggles financially if that does happen.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: And I'll make one last comment as far as I'm concerned. Going along with what Councilwoman Meier's said. An oversight committee, a review, I might be not correct but I believe Attorney Miller there is a group from the pothole haters tax that review that tax from time to time. And maybe not tonight, but maybe in a future meeting, we can pass some legislation that would appoint a non...you know. A committee that would review the legislation and the fees. Thank you. With that is there any other discussion on bill 22-217? Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 22-217 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Council shall cast their vote on 22-217. Bill passes 7-1 (Zader voted no).

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-014, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that the bill 23-014 be placed and read upon the floor for discussion.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: The clerk shall read...

AMY YOCKEY: Nope, we need a second.

LAURA BURNS: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Ok, sorry. The clerk shall read 23-014.

AMY YOCKEY: Strongly supporting Ohio's application to receive funding from the Corridor Identification Program, and declaring an emergency.

CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #23-014

ORDINANCE: 23-014

Strongly supporting Ohio's application to receive funding from the Corridor Identification Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 23-014 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any discussion? Hearing none. Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-014 be put to a vote. I lost my train of thought there.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 23-014. Bill passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-015, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-015 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read 23-015.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of twenty-one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$21,000.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Violence Reduction Program, and declaring an emergency.

GRANT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-015

ORDINANCE: 23-015

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of twenty-one thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$21,000.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Violence Reduction Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-015 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any discussion on bill 23-015? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 23-015 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage for bill 23-015. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-016, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-016 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 23-016.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in

the amount of one hundred seventy-three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$173,000.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Violence Reduction Program, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAM

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-016

ORDINANCE: 23-0??

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate grant funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in the amount of one hundred seventy-three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$173,000.00) for the Mansfield Police Department Violence Reduction Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-016 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any discussion on bill 23-016? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 23-016 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 23-016. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-017, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-017 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 23-017.

AMY YOCKEY: Transferring appropriations in the amount of one thousand three hundred thirty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$1,335.00) within the General Fund (#101) for an equipment upgrade to ensure that City Council executive sessions are private and secure when someone participates via Zoom, and declaring an emergency.

AN EQUIPMENT UPGRADE FOR CITY COUNCIL

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-017

ORDINANCE: 23-017

Transferring appropriations in the amount of one thousand three hundred thirty-five and 00/100 dollars (\$1,335.00) within the General Fund (#101) for an equipment upgrade to ensure that City Council executive sessions are private and secure when someone participates via Zoom, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-017 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any discussion on bill 23-017? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move bill 23-017 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of bill 23-017. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-018, Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-018 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read 23-018.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to trade-in covert operation equipment to offset the cost of updated covert operation equipment, all without competitive bidding, for the METRICH Enforcement Unit.

TRADE-IN COVERT OPERATION EQUIPMENT FOR NEW OPERATION EQUIPMENT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-018

ORDINANCE: 23-018

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to trade-in covert operation equipment to offset the cost of updated covert operation equipment, all without competitive bidding, for the METRICH Enforcement Unit.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-018 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Mr. Davenport. Oh, I'm sorry. Is there any discussion on bill 23-018? Now Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-018 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage for bill 23-018. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Bill 23-019, Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-019 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read 23-019.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute a contract or contracts, with 12 Point Consulting, LLC, to provide Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Class IV Water Supply certified operation services at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and declaring an emergency.

OEPA CLASS IV WATER SUPPLY

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-019

ORDINANCE: 23-019

Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute a contract or contracts, with 12 Point Consulting, LLC, to provide Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) Class IV Water Supply certified operation services at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-019 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any discussion on bill 23-019? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader?

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: I do plan to vote for this. But I do agree with Councilman Davenport where having the contracts when we're voting on something like this and not getting it last minute and having to vote

same day would be appreciated. So, in the future if the contract could be attached to the legislation, that would be great.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any further discussion? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Thank you sir. I move bill 23-019 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage for bill 23-019. Bill passes 8 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: And our last piece of legislation this evening is bill 23-020. Once again Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-020 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read 23-020.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for architectural and engineering services relating to the Mansfield Municipal Building.

ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-020

ORDINANCE: 23-020

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for architectural and engineering services relating to the Mansfield Municipal Building.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-020 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 PRO TEMP SCOTT: Any other discussion on bill 23-020? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: I move bill 23-020 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage for bill 23-020. Bill passes 8 to 0.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: That concludes our legislation. Is there anything else to come before Council this evening?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you sir. There was discussion this evening about the upcoming levys. I wanted to pass along, and I'm sure you'll be seeing this maybe more in the news, but I had a conversation with Mr. Mears over at the Commissioners' office this weekend. And he informed me that Mr. Dropsey has put another tab on the Auditors page so that people can go on, so that citizens can go on pull up their property address. There's a tab labeled levies. And you can look and see exactly how the levy will affect your real estate taxes. So that will be on there until the May election. So that's...most people can't figure out how that's going to affect your...you know how these millages are going to affect your property taxes. But that will lay it all out for you. So, you can go on a see that. Yea. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Very good. Awesome. Thank you for that bit of information. Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Do I have a motion to adjourn?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

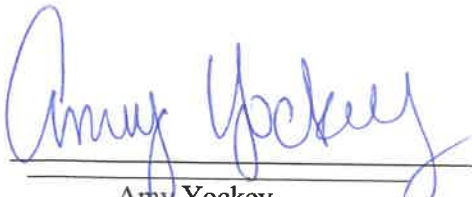
PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn. All those in favor signify by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

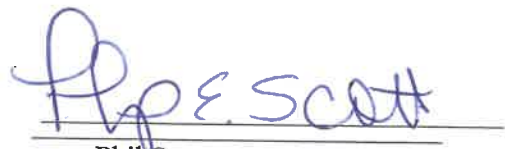
PRESIDENT PRO TEMP SCOTT: Opposed? We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

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



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



Phil Scott
President Pro Temp