

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**March 7, 2023**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday March 7, 2023 at 7:38 pm in the  
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Eleazer Akuchie led the audience in prayer.

**ROLL CALL:** The following answered present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Akuchie, Davenport, Diaz, Moton, Zader, Scott, and Falquette.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** We now have just one person to address council this evening, Anna Durchi. If Anna if you can come forward state your name and address and microphone here. We allow three minutes of time for ya and your addressing Council. Thank you, Anna.

**ANNA DURCHI:** Thank you. Hi my name is Anna Durchi. My address is 238 West Third Street in Mansfield. And I'm a resident of the North End. I just want to add one thing to what Deanna was saying earlier about contributing to NECIC. Because one easy way also is through the Richland Foundation for people. Like you can set it up monthly. It's kind of easier for some people that can't give a lot. So, I just wanted to share that. So, what I came to talk about, I have been talking to Alomar for quite a while. I don't think this is always a city-wide problem. But ya know, were trying to clean up the North End, the West End, different parts of our City, and these thoroughfares. In our neighborhood, unfortunately, a lot of people...one is too many, but they leave their trash in the front yard. So that's like a big deal to me. I've been a resident at this property for 31 years. I really invested all of my adult life there. Umm...so we work hard to keep our area clean. And I'm a home owner and its important to me. So, um, I looked around to some other cities online and I spoke with the City of Shelby today as well. They also have an ordinance that trash cans are not to be in the front yard. They are not to be anywhere that they can be seen. So, most cities have it that ya know they'll be behind the property, or a screen in front of them. Any place that would be in front of the house or such areas that anyone can see from any residential area. So, anyway, that's just kind of what I wanted to bring to Council. I know that currently we don't have a code regarding that. I certainly wish we did. And in addition to that, ya know when we talk about blight, we know there is a correlation with crime. So that's why were cleaning up the city all the time. That's the issue. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mrs. Durchi. Any committee reports this evening? Mr. Mayor?

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Public Works/Safety Service Director?

**DIRECTOR REMY:** Nothing, sir.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Assistant Law Director?

**CHRIS BROWN:** I'm just going to say real briefly that I thought tonight we got to hear from really great components of our city. Between Deanna, Troy, and Chris, ya know we should always be striving to improve but I think tonight is a good example of how much we have to be proud of in our city. And I think we have a lot to be thankful for especially with some of our community leaders. So, just wanted to say that.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. Brown. Alright let's proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns do we have any late bills this evening?

### SUSPEND RULES

**LAURA BURNS:** We have no late bills. However, 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 FALQUETTE:** Anything else Mrs. Burns? That's it, cool. Alright, first bill this evening is Ms. Moton on 23-023.

**KIM MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-023 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 23-023.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Honoring Assistant Finance Director Sue Johnson upon her retirement from the City of Mansfield Finance Department.

### HONORING ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR SUE JOHNSON

BY: MS. MOTON

BILL #23-023

ORDINANCE: 23-024

Honoring Assistant Finance Director Sue Johnson upon her retirement from the City of Mansfield Finance Department.

Upon motion by Ms. Moton that Bill 23-023 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Alright, Ms. Johnsons not with us this evening. But thanks everyone for signing off on the paperwork previously. And we have to vote on it. Any...Ms. Moton go ahead.

**DISCUSSION:**

**KIM MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-023 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your ballots on 23-023. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Scott, 23-024.

**PHIL SCOTT:** We'll start over. Thank you, Mr. President. I move that the bill 23-024 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read 23-024.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Strongly urging the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, and declaring an emergency.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND**

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-024

ORDINANCE: 23-025

Strongly urging the Ohio Governor and members of the Ohio General Assembly to restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-024 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any additional comments? Hearing none, Mr. Scott.

**DISCUSSION:**

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you. I move bill 23-02? be read and placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Clarification 024, but second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** We have a motion and a second on bill 23-024. If there's no further discussion, please cast your vote...ballot. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Diaz, 23-026.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you. Mr. President I move that bill 23-206 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-026.

**AMY YOCKEY:** ODOT - Improvements to culver under Home Rd

**ODOT - IMPROVEMENTS TO CULVER**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-026

ORDINANCE: 23-026

ODOT - Improvements to culver under Home Rd

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-026 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Questions and comments? Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

**DISCUSSION:**

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-026 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your ballots for 23-026. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Scott, 23-027.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that the 23-027 be placed and read upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will read 23-027.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Modern Avionics & Maintenance Inc., for real estate known as Hangar 532 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

**HANGAR 532**

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-027

ORDINANCE: 23-027

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Modern Avionics & Maintenance Inc., for real estate known as Hangar 532 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-027 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Further comments? Mr. Scott

**DISCUSSION:**

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you. I move that bill 23-027 be placed on the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-027. Bill passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, 23-028.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-028 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Will the clerk now read 23-028?

**AMY YOCKEY:** Accepting a National PAL Mentoring Sub-grant in the amount of \$28,800 through the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. to be used by the Mansfield Police Athletic League, and declaring an emergency.

**ACCEPTING A NATIONAL PAL MENTORING SUB-GRANT**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-028

ORDINANCE: 23-028

Accepting a National PAL Mentoring Sub-grant in the amount of \$28,800 through the National Association of Police Athletic/Activities Leagues, Inc. to be used by the Mansfield Police Athletic League, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-028 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Mrs. Zader.

**DISCUSSION:**

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Just a quick comment about our community policing and PAL, and the work that they do. Because they do a lot of work that goes unnoticed. And the Police Athletic League, specifically the work that Ginger does through that, is amazing. I got to see a lot of that when my daughter was a Police Explorer, that are now the Police Cadets. Got it right that time. It was impressive what they do with so little.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Anyone else? Alright, Mr. Davenport?

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-028 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-028. Passes 8-0.

**END OF DISCUSSION**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, bill 23-029.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-029 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Will clerk now read 23-029?

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Vending Agreement and Lease of Space Agreement with Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. for cafeteria use, and declaring an emergency.

**VENDING AGREEMENT AND LEASE OF SPACE AGREEMENT**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-029

ORDINANCE: 23-029

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a Vending Agreement and Lease of Space Agreement with Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. for cafeteria use, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-029 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8 Nays: 0

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any questions or comments? Mrs. Zader.

**DISCUSSION:**

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Just a quick question in regards to something that was said earlier. I don't know if we have a process in place to track when leases are expiring and make sure that were following up on that. Because in my time on council there's been several times where we've seen that a lease has expired and the tenant hasn't been reached out to ahead of time to renew that. And it was said earlier that they reached out to us to remind us that their lease was either expired or expiring soon. So, it'd be good to know there were some checks and balances in place to make sure were following up on that ahead of time.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mrs. Zader. Ok? Alright, Mr. Davenport 23-029.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-029 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast the votes for 23-029. Passes 8-0.

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Does anyone have anything else to bring before council? Hearing nothing.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Move to close.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Second

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

**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Meeting closed at 7:51 pm. Thank you. Have a good evening.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

  
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Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council

  
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David Falquette  
President