

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
April 18, 2023

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday April 18, 2023 at 7:04 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 have one person, Deborah Mount, to address Council this evening. If she would come forward, state her name and address. Three minutes maximum.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Deborah Mount, 114 Cliffbrook Drive. Coming today with a concern about the water bill I received today, and I contacted a few of you and got some answers throughout the day. Throughout the time the water rates were being discussed it sounded like what was settled on was an increase of approximately 30% with approximately 3% raises every year after that. My bill went up 60% . So, I was pretty shocked and just hoping that the City will address that, give some answers to other people. Specifically, I'm thinking elderly people that don't use a lot of water are likely to be in the boat. I understand it is the readiness to serve charge, but it wasn't accurately portrayed to the residents. If the 60% increase is what apparently is happening. So, I'm just hoping that the city will improve communications on the substantial increase. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Ms. Mount. Are there any committee reports at this time? Hearing none, Mayor do you have anything else?

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Director Remy?

DIRECTOR REMY: Nothing, sir.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Deputy Director Brown?

CHRIS BROWN: No thank you sir.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. Alright, let's get going with legislation. Mrs. Burns do you have any late bills?

LAURA BURNS: We do not.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Wonderful. Do you want to suspend rules?

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: I would like to, yes. I move with respect to all bills that come before council this evening that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, lets proceed with legislation. Mr. Davenport, 23-051.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes, I move that bill 23-051 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 23-051.

AMY YOCKEY: Appropriating the sum of fifty-one thousand two hundred and thirty-seven and 50/100 dollars (\$51,237.50) from the unappropriated Fire Capital Equipment Fund (#420) for the purpose of purchasing a 2023 Ford Expedition-SSV model according to STS pricing contract RSI011029 from Montrose Ford, 3960 Medina Road, Fairlawn, Ohio, to be used in the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

FIRE PURCHASE-2023 FORD EXPEDITION-SSV

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-051

ORDINANCE: 23-052

Appropriating the sum of fifty-one thousand two hundred and thirty-seven and 50/100 dollars (\$51,237.50) from the unappropriated Fire Capital Equipment Fund (#420) for the purpose of purchasing a 2023 Ford Expedition-SSV model according to STS pricing contract RSI011029 from Montrose Ford, 3960 Medina Road, Fairlawn, Ohio, to be used in the Fire Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-051 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? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-051 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast a ballot on 23-051. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-052.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-052 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 23-052.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with Harsany and Associates LLC for implementation of the HOME-ARP Plan through the City's Permitting and Development Department, and declaring an emergency.

HOME-ARP PLAN

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-052

ORDINANCE: 23-053

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into an agreement with Harsany and Associates LLC for implementation of the HOME-ARP Plan through the City's Permitting and Development Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-052 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 Abstentions: 1 Kimberly Moton

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Further questions or comments?

DISCUSSION:

KIM MOTON: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yes, Ms. Kim?

KIM MOTON: Thank you Mr. President. I will be abstaining from this vote.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President I move that Councilwoman Moton be allowed to abstain from this vote.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright. It's been moved and seconded to allow Councilwoman Moton to abstain. No further discussion, please go ahead and vote. Passes 7 with an abstention of Ms. Moton. Let's move forward on the motion then Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-052 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. No further discussion, we can now vote on 23-052. Passes with 6 affirmative votes, 1 abstention Kimberly Moton. Mr. Davenport, 23-053.

AMY YOCKEY: It was 7 to 1.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: What did I say?

AMY YOCKEY: 6

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, I'll restate that. It passed with 7 positive votes and 1 abstention Kimberly Moton. My apologies.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-053.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-053 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-053.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to renew a professional services contract with Medicount Management, Inc., without competitive bidding, to be the third-party billing agent for the City of Mansfield for emergency medical services performed by the Mansfield Fire Department.

CONTRACT FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTEWATER SLUDGE

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-053

ORDINANCE: 23-054

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to renew a professional services contract with Medicount Management, Inc., without competitive bidding, to be the third-party billing agent for the City of Mansfield for emergency medical services performed by the Mansfield Fire Department.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-053 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: Discussion? Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-053 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. With no further discussion let's go ahead and vote 23-053. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-054.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-054 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk may now read 23-054.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute two (2) purchase and sale agreements, and any other necessary documentation, to effectuate the City of Mansfield's purchase of certain real property, respectively identified as Richland County Auditor's Parcel Nos. 0270211413000 and 0270202103000, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD'S PURCHASE PROPERTY- PARCEL NOS. 0270211413000 AND 0270202103000

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-054

ORDINANCE: 23-055

Authorizing the Public Works Director to execute two (2) purchase and sale agreements, and any other necessary documentation, to effectuate the City of Mansfield's purchase of certain real property, respectively identified as Richland County Auditor's Parcel Nos. 0270211413000 and 0270202103000, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-054 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: With no further discussion, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-054 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your ballot on 23-054. Passes 8-0.

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything further legislation or comments to come before Council this evening? Hearing none.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

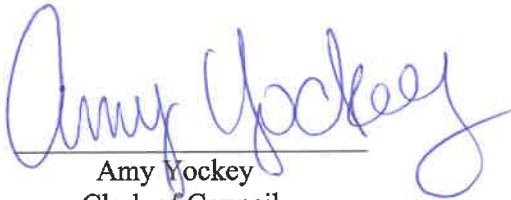
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We have a motion to close at 7:13 pm. All those in favor.

CHERYL MEIER: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Passes. Closed, 7:13 pm. Thank you very much.

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



David Falquette
President