

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
June 20, 2023

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday June 20, 2023 at 7:29 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: All right. And we have public comment. Public comment this evening. We'll start with Gary Minion. Public comments, three-minute maximum. We're asking you to make your statements and it's not a debate, not question and answer or anything, just coming on. And we appreciate that. If you state your name and your address. And go ahead.

STEPHANIE ZADER: The mic.

GARY MION: Can you hear me? Good evening, my name is Gary Mion. I live on 384 North Townview Circle, Mansfield. And., I didn't even know I was going to come here tonight, but I was at the YMCA yesterday and went swimming, came back, take a shower, and there's no water. So, wait, wait, wait, wait, you know? And since this whole issue of our water mains has been floating around through the city, I said, is this a water main issue? You know, when apparently it was. I never got to the, you know, to the point where I found out really what did happen. But so, I thought I'd come here and just say a few words in support of the Water Main Initiative. Now, I'm in my 79th year and I forget things and I stumble over words. So, I'm going to use this a little bit and try to stay under three minutes. But first of all, let me thank all of you for the work that you do. And I mean that. I'm not just saying that. I mean that. I mean, you take the heat, make the decisions. You put up with the telephone calls at night, interfering with your dinners and all of the things that happens because of the work you do. And without you folks, where would we be? I can't do what you do. I wouldn't want to do what you do. But anyhow, thanks, and I really mean it. I also want to thank Eric Miller and Bob Bianchi and Mr. Bursley for all the efforts they have made on behalf of our water system. They put a lot of time and work and effort into it. And last February, I spoke in favor of the water rate increase to help with repairs to our water system. And I spoke with my, my councilwoman, who I really appreciate, she's great about that. And I want to thank all of you for voting for that, that rate increase. And I know you took a lot of heat. Sorry about that. And tonight, I want to speak in favor of the Watermain Initiative. And two weeks ago, Mr. Davenport said that he would vote to put the initiative on the November ballot, but that when November came, he would vote against the initiative. And he had a good reason for that, and I just wanted to let him know that in some ways I agree, because taxes aren't bad. Taxes are needed. Every community needs them. And we haven't been spending or getting enough taxes to take care of our own water systems for far too long. Kick the can down the road all the time. Taxes become bad when they are unfair. And Mr. Davenport was right. This tax initiative has a certain unfairness to it. It is unfair because well-off retirees and members of my own generation will not have to pay this tax. Not fair. So, I'm asking you as a city, as a council, to find a way to turn my generation upside down and shake some money out of our pockets so that we can help out.

Because I feel bad about that. But right now, I'm going to vote for it because it's the only game in town. I don't see any other game in town. And so, it would be a little bit of pressure relief, Al. And so please, I ask you, put it on the ballot, maybe even tonight. So, thanks for your time. Did I go overboard?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: You were just getting ready to get cut off. You were perfect...perfect.

GARY MION: All right, thanks.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: All right. Eric Miller?

ERIC MILLER: Declined.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Declined. All right. And Lisa Jackson.

LISA JACKSON: Good evening. My name is Lisa Jackson and I started Friends of Liberty Park about six or seven years ago. So, I'm here to talk about...

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Lisa... You leave that on. We need your address.

LISA JACKSON: Okay. I live in Madison. So, it's 797 Winterberry Place and that is in Madison. So yes, I started that and we've been working with the parks, the church, and then other volunteers for this period of time. It's getting more difficult for me to gain volunteer support because we feel like there are things that are not getting done there at the park, that really are not the community's responsibility as volunteers, but as the city's responsibility. Those concerns, one of the major concerns I have is the pavilion that is out there. It has been, my understanding, it's supposed to be coming down. I was told that last spring and now I'm being told that they'll be out down this spring and we're still sitting there with a building which is causing problems in community, because it is a place where people gather that are doing unsavory activities, and it does cause problems for that area. That is a concern that I've had and would like to see. I don't know. I want to keep support for revitalizing this park because it is an important part of Mansfield's history. But it's hard to do that when I have volunteers that are there every day picking up garbage and trying to do what we can, but they're getting tired. And when they feel like there's nobody else, we're doing it on our own. So, I have a grant. I just want to know what is the city's vision for this park. Maybe there isn't one. Maybe it's another park that'll just be shut down. And if that's the case, then we'll find some other cause to get behind. But mine is a simple vision. We need green spaces that are beautiful for people to enjoy. It doesn't have to be fancy. People that we've talked to, that I've talked to, that I've surveyed have said, they just want maintenance on the parks. They just want to see it clean. They just want to see the tables repaired. They want it safe. So, you know, we don't, no one's asking the people out for big swimming pools or things like that. They're asking for something safe and pleasant and nice to enjoy the outdoors. And that's my vision for the parks.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you, Ms. Jackson. You were specifically addressing Liberty Park.

LISA JACKSON: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I wasn't sure everybody, some people I think knew that. All right. Thank you. Easter McNeil.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Easter McNeil, 304 East Arch Street. This is going to be short. My water bill already went up. So, we'll leave that there. I'm not going to talk too much about the city. But I go back,

way back, when they had boxcars come down on the main street, stuff like that. So, I know a lot about the city back in the day. I mean, I could help cold cases. There's been cases in Mansfield that's been swept under the rug for a long time. My time is going this way. But I want to say Mr. Jordan came by today. I guess he works for the city, I forget which department. So, I've had two city workers come by and I thank them. But, thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. McNeil. Garland Harvey

GARLAND HARVEY: Garland Harvey, 409 Lower Wood East.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Hang on, Mr. Harvey. Push the microphone button back on. There you go.

GARLAND HARVEY: All right. Sorry about that.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: No problem.

GARLAND HARVEY: All right. Garland Harvey, 409 Lower Wood East Drive, Shelby, Ohio. And I'm speaking on behalf of Blue Rose Mission. And I'm the director of Blue Rose Mission. Now, if you guys don't know what Blue Rose mission is, we are a mission that goes out and we work in Richland County and we perform home maintenance for people who can't afford to have it done themselves. That's our mission. And so, I'm here tonight to ask you guys for some help because I need some help with that mission. Right now, we are a very small nonprofit and we have a very small budget. And we do have, of course, a 501c3 and that sort of thing. But see, some of the jobs that we do, we require a permit for. Okay? So, when we do that, for example, we're doing a wheelchair ramp right now that we're getting a permit for on Buffalo Street. And that permit from the city of Mansfield is costing us \$130 for that. It's for a wheelchair ramp. Now on my books, I've got five more people that want ramps built in the city of Mansfield. Okay. I have a total of 34 jobs on my list of things to do right now, and it just keeps coming. I have more in the pipeline. So, if each ramp costs me \$130 for permits, that's \$650. My total budget, guys, is \$5,000. That's what I have to operate on right now. So, this doesn't include the cost of the county permit, which, you know, we also have to get that, which I'm going to talk to those guys also, okay? And so, I'll be speaking to them. But I want you guys to hear this, that we don't wish to skip the permit step, okay? I'm not looking to skip permits. We do not want to circumvent the system. What I'm here tonight to do is to ask you that if you would please go into the ordinances and adjust it so that nonprofits such as myself, when we're performing our job and doing a mission, you know, if the job for the permit is for that, that we could waive that fee. That's what I would like to have done. Because right now it's absolutely just killing my budget. And if we waive the fees for nonprofits such as Blue Rose when the job that we're seeking the permit for, and that's the job that's pertaining to that mission. So that's really why I'm here tonight is to ask that you guys please would do that. So, what you get in return for that is, I can tell you is number one, if I'm able to get those fees waived, then we can help more people much more effectively in your city, because it's going to give us more money to operate on. Number two, you will have our absolute and unwavering gratitude. And number three, I promise I will sing your praises on social media. You have my word. But at the end of the day, and this is, I mean, where the rubber meets the road is, we're doing the right thing, you know, for people that aren't as fortunate as ourselves. And with that, that's all I have to say. Thanks.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. Harvey. We appreciate that. That concludes our public comment. Committee reports. Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: If I could, about just a couple of things that were said. I guess they relate to committees. But the pavilion, we do have a contractor hired for that, he was injured. So that's why that has taken so long. Just so that we're aware of that. He was injured and that delayed that project. He is

planning on getting to that soon, though. And if you can stick around afterwards, I have a few resources that might be helpful to you for Blue Rose. That would be great. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anything else? Mr. Mayor?

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Public Works Director.

DIRECTOR REMY: I would make one comment. I want to let the public know, if, and council know, last meeting, Alta gave us 100 trees, if we all remember that. 30 of those were planted this last Saturday at Clear Fork. With the help and assistance of a bunch of city crew, individual city employees, but more importantly, Boy Scout Troop 152, which is really out of Lexington, I believe, but they did an amazing job at planting these 30 trees throughout Clear Fork. Most of them have been planted in the area which was damaged by the hurricanes or the tornadoes a couple of years ago. And they were real troopers. I think there were about 10 of them showed up with their troop leaders. That didn't count troop leaders, there's 10 scouts. But they worker 3 or 4 hours to get them planted. And I just wanted to publicly thank them for that. And let Council and the public know that we really appreciate that.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Director Remy. And Deputy Law Director?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEMERER: No thank you sir.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you gentlemen. Alright, lets proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns do we have late bills? I believe we do.

LATE BILLS

LAURA BURNS: Yes sir. I move with respect to bill 23-088 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that bill 23-088 be allowed on the floor tonight. Seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: Yes sir. 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: First bill tonight is 23-079, and that is your bill Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-079 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 23-079.

AMY YOCKEY: Submitting the question of adopting the enactment of an additional municipal income tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) for a period of four (4) years from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 for “MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE” to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held within the City of Mansfield, Ohio, on November 7, 2023, with such additional income tax receipts to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-079

ORDINANCE: 23-080

Submitting the question of adopting the enactment of an additional municipal income tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) for a period of four (4) years from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2027 for “MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE” to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held within the City of Mansfield, Ohio, on November 7, 2023, with such additional income tax receipts to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-079 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: 1(Stephanie Zader)

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: It's no secret I've had lots of opinions on the rate increases and things we've done. And I'm really struggling with this one. I appreciate putting it on the ballot for the citizens to make a decision on. There is a process through the Board of Elections. I would prefer to see it go through that. If the people want to support it, I think they'll sign a petition to put it on the ballot. I don't think it's our...that we need to do that, decide to put it on the ballot. We've made decisions about collections. We've made decisions about water meters. We've made decisions about rate increases. And we've pushed that out on the citizens. We have yet to see any of those initiatives come to full fruition. We haven't seen data from the rate increases. We have yet to finish the water meter installs. And the collections process hasn't gone extremely well either. So, I really struggle with us as a body voting in favor of something like this to put it on the ballot. Like I said, there is a process. I understand that it's about 1,400 signatures. I went to the board of elections and asked about it, how many signatures it would take to get this on the ballot. But that's part of the democratic process. It's part of asking the people, what they think, is going and getting those signatures and getting their permission to put it on the ballot. Eight of us, or nine if the President has to break a tie. I know we speak for the people, but from what I've heard, none of them want this. They didn't want the rate increase either. So, I'm really struggling with us, as a body, putting this on the ballot.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mrs. Zader. Anyone else?

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott.

PHIL SCOTT: I really have no problem putting it on the ballot. And for the most part this has been a citizen driven objective. Granted we could get petitions but also part of the process is they can come through Council and we can put it on the ballot. And I know, don't really mean to call Mr. Miller out but I'm going to, we all know Mr. Miller was behind the Pot Hole Haters tax. And we know how successful that has been through the years. You know that fund is watched. Him and a few of his colleagues look at that frequently to make sure those funds are going for the paving of our streets. And I think Mansfield has some of the best streets around. You know I get around to other communities, and I come back home and I think we have excellent streets. And I think a lot of that is due to the Pot Hole Haters tax. So there for...you know if we put this on the ballot and let the citizens decide. If they want it, great. If they don't, well they spoken. And ya know, I've been an advocate for we need to do something for the watermain in this town for a long time. Because a lot of those are really old. Probably some of them are 100 years old and it's time we step up and do it. The City of Mansfield has kicked the can down the road, down the road, down the road. And I think it's time we step up and put this on the ballot and let the voters decide what they want to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Scott. Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I agree with Mrs. Zader in terms of it should of went to a petition. I remember when he was looking for a sponsor, it was the first thing that came out my mouth is that, no none of us should sponsor it. He should have to get the signatures. However, there are two ways to put this on the ballot. And the Administration decided to take it up and bring it to us to put it on the ballot. I do not believe democracy allows us to vote no. We have to put it on the ballot. We have to allow the people to decide whether or not this should...this additional tax should be levied against them or not. I don't think...my feelings on whether we should do it or not have been known. I do think it's too early. I do think the people have not had a chance to adjust to their new reality, which is the new water bill. So, I do think it's a bit early but I'm just one vote. So, it will be up to the people. I do not think we can vote no on this.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: I'm just going to reiterate what I said last time. I think it is premature to bring this up now. But I fully believe in allowing the citizens to make the decision. So, I think we should go ahead and vote yes to put it on the ballot

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone else? Alright. If there's nothing further Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-079 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-079. Passes 7 to 1. (*Ayes: 7 Nays: 1(Stephanie Zader)*)

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, thank you. Mrs. Burns 23-080.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-080 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 bill 23-080.

AMY YOCKEY: Enacting a portion of Chapter 193 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to provide for a MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE levy of one-quarter percent (.25%) municipal income tax, after approval of such levy by the electors pursuant to § 718.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, upon income taxable by the City of Mansfield for a period of four (4) years and commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027, to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE LEVY

BY: MS. MOTON

BILL #23-080

ORDINANCE: 23-081

Enacting a portion of Chapter 193 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to provide for a MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE levy of one-quarter percent (.25%) municipal income tax, after approval of such levy by the electors pursuant to § 718.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, upon income taxable by the City of Mansfield for a period of four (4) years and commencing January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027, to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-080 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: 1(Stephanie Zader)

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 on this companion bill? Hearing none, Mrs. Burns.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-080 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-080. Passes 7-1. (Ayes: 7 Nays: 1(Stephanie Zader))

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-081.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-081 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 23-081.

AMY YOCKEY: Adopting the Tax Budget of the Township of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET-TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-081

ORDINANCE: 23-082

Adopting the Tax Budget of the Township of Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-081 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 questions and comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-081 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-081. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-082.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-082 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 23-082.

AMY YOCKEY: Adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET- CITY OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-082

ORDINANCE: 23-083

Adopting the Tax Budget of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and directing submission of the same to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-082 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-082 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-082. Bill passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-083.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-083 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 23-083.

AMY YOCKEY: Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

REVISING THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-083

ORDINANCE: 23-084

Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-083 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-083 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-083. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-084.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-084 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 23-084.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate an equipment grant from the Ohio EPA in the amount of six thousand two hundred and ten and 00/100 dollars (\$6,210.00) to be used for the purpose of purchasing an Eclipse 9800 automatic flushing station for the Water Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

OHIO EPA GRANT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-084

ORDINANCE: 23-085

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept and appropriate an equipment grant from the Ohio EPA in the amount of six thousand two hundred and ten and 00/100 dollars (\$6,210.00) to be used for the purpose of purchasing an Eclipse 9800 automatic flushing station for the Water Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-084 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-084 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 23-084. Bill passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-085.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-085 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 bill 23-085?

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of twenty thousand, five hundred twelve and 48/100 dollars (\$20,512.48) for the Project Safe Neighborhood Program, and declaring an emergency.

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAM

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-085

ORDINANCE: 23-086

Authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services (OCJS) in the amount of twenty thousand, five hundred twelve and 48/100 dollars (\$20,512.48) for the Project Safe Neighborhood Program, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-085 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. Oh sorry.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Sorry about that. Go ahead

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes, I just want to thank Chief and Administration how they are working so hard everywhere they can find some grant. And they are working so hard to bring that in and that's really encouraging. And I appreciate that. I want to say thank you and thank you Mayor for your Administration what your doing to bring in more money.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone else? Alright. Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-085 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-085. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-086.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-086 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 23-086.

AMY YOCKEY: Accepting a Community Corrections Act Grant in the amount of five hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred eighty-four and 00/100 dollars (\$588,784.00), authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director and any other appropriate City official, to execute a subsidy grant agreement for community-based corrections programs with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and declaring an emergency.

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT GRANT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-086

ORDINANCE: 23-087

Accepting a Community Corrections Act Grant in the amount of five hundred eighty-eight thousand seven hundred eighty-four and 00/100 dollars (\$588,784.00), authorizing the Interim Safety-Service Director and any other appropriate City official, to execute a subsidy grant agreement for community-based corrections programs with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-086 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-086 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-086. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-087.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-087 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 23-087.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a repair contract with United Drilling, Inc. at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$75,000.00) for emergency repairs to the service elevator at the Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency.

SERVICE ELEVATOR AT THE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-087

ORDINANCE: 23-088

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a repair contract with United Drilling, Inc. at a cost not to exceed seventy-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$75,000.00) for emergency repairs to the service elevator at the Water Treatment Plant, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-087 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. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-087 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-087. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz, 23-088. It's before 8 o'clock. I guess it's just us.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-088 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 23-088.

AMY YOCKEY: Expressing support for the "Peace on My Block" initiative.

PEACE ON MY BLOCK

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-088

ORDINANCE: 23-089

Expressing support for the "Peace on My Block" initiative.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-088 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?

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Just a quick comment Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott

PHIL SCOTT: It's not really pertaining to this piece of legislation but as Aurelio...Mr. Aurelio...uh yea referred to earlier I think this brings to light that we really need to work at some sort of effort to work out where Mansfield City School Board and us meet on different nights. Because there's different things ya know. Our citizens are pretty much their citizens. Issues are both issues. And I think it would be great if somehow, we could work out some sort of a deal, not a deal but a compromise or some sort of a solution to where were not meeting on the same night. It's just a little bit of a comment, thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Scott. Mrs. Zader

STEPHANIE ZADER: I have had several conversations with their school board about it when I was running the levy for them. It's been mentioned to them. I've asked them. I told them that them changing their meetings is probably a little easier than us changing ours. But there didn't seem to be a big appetite for that. So, yea I'm happy to have that conversation again if anyone else wants to join in that conversation, we can. But I agree that it would be great. It's not a good look to the community that we don't work together with the schools. And that all the more reason why something like this, supporting this, does show a collaborative effort between us and them. And then we can hopefully workout the details of meetings later.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Reverend El.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thanks Mr. President. I wanted to make it clear that the reason I wanted to know about this before I vote, it's not because I don't support peace in our city. And Chief and all those that know me, that's what I've been working for many years to the improvement of this city, the children, the youth. That has been my life work for 25 years with the youth before I retired. So, I wanted to get an understanding of what's this all about. Because this was my first time of hearing about it. And for the fact that the Chief knows about it and is in it. And the Mayor knows about it and is a part of it. Then that gives me a little bit of understanding to know that I'm not just my vote on something that I have no clue about. So, for me I will support it and cast my vote. But I wanted to make sure its clear that if anybody heard me asking the question might think, well he doesn't support peace, I'd never hurt. That's not me.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, thank you Reverend for clarifying your position. Does anyone else have any clarifying positions? 23-088. Hearing none, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-088 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes to support Peace on my Block initiative. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, anything else to come before council this evening?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

CHERYL MEIER: Second

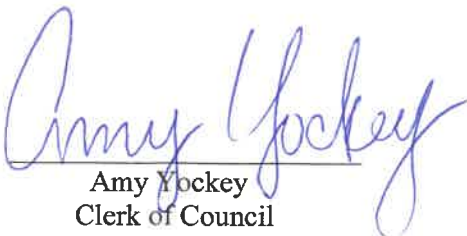
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We'll close this council meeting at 7:52 pm. Thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

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


Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council


David Falquette
President