

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
January 2, 2024

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, January 2, 2024 at 7:06 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 were present at roll call: Burns (excused absence – passed 7-0), Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Zader, Falquette, and Scott.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Anyone signed up for public comment?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Are there any committee reports? No committee reports? Once again, our new Mayor?

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Nothing to add, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Finance Director?

KELLY BLANKENSHIP: Nothing, Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Public Works Director

SHARON MAY: Nothing Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: And, Law Director?

ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing to add, thank you.

SUSPEND RULES

ELEAZER AKUCHIE 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. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, 23-238.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-238 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-238.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving the expenditure of up to three hundred thousand dollars [\$300,000.00] from Fund #238 [P.R.I.D.E. - Demolition] to be utilized for the Westinghouse Demolition Project, and declaring an emergency.

P.R.I.D.E. – DEMOLITION

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #23-238

ORDINANCE: 24-001

Approving the expenditure of up to three hundred thousand dollars [\$300,000.00] from Fund #238 [P.R.I.D.E. - Demolition] to be utilized for the Westinghouse Demolition Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 23-238 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 23-238?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-238 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 23-238. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, 24-001.

CHERYL MEIER: Put a motion on the floor that bill 24-001 is read and be placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 24-001.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing payment to PenLink in the amount of twenty-three thousand, two hundred eighty-two and 45/100 dollars (\$23,282.45) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

PENLINK – THEN AND NOW

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-001

ORDINANCE: 24-002

Authorizing payment to PenLink in the amount of twenty-three thousand, two hundred eighty-two and 45/100 dollars (\$23,282.45) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-001 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT: Is there any further discussion?

DISCUSSION:

DAVID FAQUETTE: Do we have any explanation why we're doing Then & Now certificate, if it was just forgotten, or why, what ... this is an ongoing thing, and I am back to police the Then & Now certificates.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Is there anybody, Chief?

CHIEF KEITH PORCH: So, for similar, for -001 and -002 are the same are the same type of actions, for Then & Now, so the first one is a language is a software for Metrich Enforcement Unit. We had grant funds to secure that payment. Uh, we originally, uh, cause we went to a new service of a year, to new grants, those service states did not match up between those several grants, which caused the lag, and then caused the Then & Now. We always had the funds available for the, uh, that renewed service of PenLink, and it's the exact similar situation for -002.

DAVID FAQUETTE: Thank you, Mr. Porch.

CHIEF KEITH PORCH: Yes Sir, Mr. Councilman.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Any other questions or discussion of Bill 24-001? With that, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 24-001 be placed on the docket for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 24-001. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, 24-002.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 24-002 be read and placed up the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 24-002.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Authorizing payment to Flock Safety in the amount of seventy-three thousand, and 00/100 dollars (\$73,000.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

FLOCK SAFETY – THEN AND NOW

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-002

ORDINANCE: 24-003

Authorizing payment to Flock Safety in the amount of seventy-three thousand, and 00/100 dollars (\$73,000.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-002 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-002?

DAVID FAQUETTE: Mr. President, one quick question. What's the time period for the seventy three thousand dollars (\$73,000)?

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Chief, you have?

CHIEF KEITH PORCH: Yeah, it would be to cover the end of '2024. And it would be for sixteen (16) cameras.

DAVID FAQUETTE: Perfect, thank you.

PRESIDENT DAVIS: Any further discussion on Bill 24-002? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-002 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Then moved and seconded. Clerk shall call the role for Bill for 24-002.
Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, 24-003.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 24-003 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 24-003.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant (FY2023) in the amount of thirty-six thousand, one hundred twenty-six and 74/100 dollars (\$36,126.74), and declaring an emergency.

PAUL COVERDELL FORENSIC SCIENCE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-003

ORDINANCE: 24-004

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant (FY2023) in the amount of thirty-six thousand, one hundred twenty-six and 74/100 dollars (\$36,126.74), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-003 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT: If there any discussion on Bill 24-003?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Go ahead Chief.

CHIEF KEITH PORCH: So, this is a grant that, uh on an annual basis that Director Tambasco applies for. This covers OT within the crime lab, some supplies, and miscellaneous small equipment. So, I think he's had this grant for at least fifteen (15) years.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you Chief. Is there any other discussion on Bill 24-003? Being none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you sir. I move that Bill 24-003 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for vote on final passage on Bill 24-003.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-004.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-004 be read and put on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read bill 24-004.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2022 Subgrant in the amount of forty-three thousand four hundred sixty-six and 94/100 dollars (\$43,466.94) for the purpose of creating a training blueprint to enhance and sustain knowledge and skills on crime analysis and evidence-based practices in eight northern Ohio Police Departments, and declaring an emergency.

OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES UNDER THE 2022 SUBGRANT

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-004

ORDINANCE: 24-005

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under the 2022 Subgrant in the amount of forty-three thousand four hundred sixty-six and 94/100 dollars (\$43,466.94) for the purpose of creating a training blueprint to enhance and sustain knowledge and skills on crime analysis and evidence-based practices in eight northern Ohio Police Departments, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-004 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-004? Once again, Chief?

DISCUSSION:

CHIEF KEITH PORCH: Thank you Mr. President. So, this grant is part of the N.O.V.C.C. group that Mansfield is in with eight (8) other cities. So, we received forty-three thousand, little over forty-three

thousand in grant funding to be applied to our, uh, to our Crime Analyst. So, for her training and/or equipment she may need within that year for the blueprint of our Crime Analyst program that we want to follow as being a part of the N.O.V.C.C.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you. Is there any other discussion on Bill 24-004? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-004 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for vote for final passage of Bill 24-004.

DELAINE WEINER: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

DELAINE WEINER: Mr. Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes

DELAINE WEINER: Ms. Daley?

ANTIONETTE DALEY: Yes

DELAINE WEINER: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes

DELAINE WEINER: Mrs. Mount?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Yes

DELANIE WEINER: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes

DELANIE WEINER: Mr. Scott?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Is there anything else further to come before council this evening?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn council this evening.. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT SCOTT: 7:18 pm council is now closed.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President