REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING January 16, 2024

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 7:46 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: I do believe we have one person signed up for public comment. Melissa Mosier. If you wish to come up to the microphone, please turn on the microphone, and for public, state your name and address please. And we do limit it to like three minutes.

MELISSA MOSIER: I am Melissa Mosier, 405 Co. Rd. 681, Sullivan, Ohio. I want to thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight about a local man that I believe is a dangerous predator, uh, that has abated criminal prosecution in this jurisdiction for far too long. Not a stretch to say that you all probably know his name. He is a bit infamous in this area, but not for the right reasons. Even now saying his name would only give him the clout or the attention that he desperately wants. And so, I am going to refer to him as 'BW' instead. Today, I brought some packets with me. Uh, I got them in the back there. I highly encourage you to read through them and get some more information for yourself. Um, there are ten plus years of recorded history here that I can't even begin to touch in only three (3) minutes. So, I am not going to try. On the first page, your going to see some highlights of this person's horrendous behavior, um, over those past ten (10) years. He is someone, who on camera, has admitted to endorsing pedeafelia and zoofelia. He has used repeatedly used racial slurs and threatened to shoot members of the community who see his behavior as problematic. He has approached women on dating apps that he believes have children, and attempted to lure those children, for sexual gratification, as recently as nine (9) days ago. There's been numerous police encounters here with reports, including non-forceable rape of a victim under thirteen (13), public indecency, and criminal child enticement yet nothing seems to stick. We have a group of twenty-one hundred (2,100) people online reporting his questionable behaviors to law enforcement, throwing the red flags like they are supposed to as good citizens, in hopes that one day he would see some kind of consequences for his actions. Although we've been told multiple deadlines, 'BW' still walks free today. My message tonight for the council is this, he's just one part of the larger crime problem in this city, just one problem. If you can't do something to prioritize fixing this problem, the innocent children in your jurisdiction will be the ones who continue to suffer the most. I cannot ignore the twelve (12) homicides, last year maybe taking precedence over a historically difficult to prosecute online criminal allegedly. Law Enforcement here has its hands full and this city's projectory for violence doesn't seem to be getting any better. You need resources and people willing to prioritize public safety instead of compromise it. I'm hoping that the newly elected officials have what it takes to make some big waves for this city. But if they don't, I also hold you all accountable. This cause is a really great opportunity for the council to show members of the community that it listens to them when they say that they don't feel like their being protected. Be prepared for blow back if you don't. We're aren't going away, and we won't be intimidated by BW's money or threats. What he is doing is wrong. And it is only a matter of time before

something awful happens to another victim. It's a new year, new leadership but from her on out, I consider every branch of government in this city accountable. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you. OK, I believe that is all we had sign up for public comment. Are there any committee reports?

Mrs. Zader, this isn't really committee reports, but you made a comment about one of the canine dogs.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mayor Perry is going to address that.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: OK. Thank you.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: Uh, I just wanted to note tonight, uh, I didn't want to do it when we were honoring Canine Richy, but we did get word this afternoon that uh, Canine Denise, I believe with Detective Kaufman, passed away this afternoon. So, I know they were particularly bonded, of course, went through a lot together and I know that's going to be really hard for Detective Kaufman, so just send your well wishes and we want him to know that we're thinking about him during this loss.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you. That just works right in to comment from the elective officials. Once again, Director Blankenship?

KELLY BLANKENSHIP: Nothing further, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Director Andres?

LOUIS ANDRES: Nothing further, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Director May:

SHARON MAY: Nothing further, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Director Harper?

ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing further, thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Thank you all. With that, we shall now proceed with legislation. Rev. Akuchie?

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: Mrs. Meier, 24-005.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 24-005 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 24-005.

DELAINE WEINER: Honoring K-9 dog Richy upon his retirement from the Mansfield Police Department.

HONORING K-9 DOG RICHY

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-005 ORDINANCE: 24-006

Honoring K-9 dog Richy upon his retirement from the Mansfield Police Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-005 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: Any further questions? Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-005 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for passage of Bill 24-005.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, 24-006.

CHERYL MEIER: Put a motion on the floor that bill 24-006 is read and put on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 24-006.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving the disposition of Police Department K-9 dog Richy, and declaring an emergency.

APPROVING DISPOSTION – K9 DOG RICHY

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-006 ORDINANCE: 24-007

Approving the disposition of Police Department K-9 dog Richy, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-006 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: Any further questions? Mrs. Meier

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-006 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role vote for 24-006.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Alright, Mrs. Meier, 24-007.

CHERYL MEIER: I move that Bill 24-007 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 24-007.

DELAINE WEINER: Honoring David L. Remy upon his retirement from the City of Mansfield.

HONORING DAVID L. REMY

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-007 ORDINANCE: 24-008

Honoring David L. Remy upon his retirement from the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 24-007 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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: Any further discussion? Mrs. Meier?

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: I move that with respect to bill 24-007 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 24-007.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, 24-008.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 24-008 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 24-008.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for resurfacing certain streets, and declaring an emergency.

PUBLIC WORKS - RESURFACING STREETS

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-008 ORDINANCE: 24-009

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for resurfacing certain streets, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-008 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's any further discussion or question? Mrs. Mount?

DISCUSSION:

DEBORAH MOUNT: I just want to say thank you to Mr. Bianchi and his staff for putting this together. I know it is a lot of work and thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: She kind of stole that. I was going to say the same thing. Um, I know Bob works very hard and Blair, has done countless things for our office. I've heard from the clerks and clerks that have left us that he has done a lot for our office. So, thank you. And I got to know Ken really well while he was down in water repair and he's always worked very hard, and I am very excited to see the work he is doing in the engineer's office. So, thank you all.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Any other discussion on Bill 21-008? Hearing non, Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-008 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for passage of Bill 24-008.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Alright, Mrs. Meier, 24-009.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 24-009 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 24-009.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Section 20 of Ordinance No. 24-009 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, by setting a pay range for the position of Forensic Investigator, and declaring an emergency.

2024 PAYROLL YEAR

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-009 ORDINANCE: 24-010

Amending Section 20 of Ordinance No. 24-009 adopting personnel positions, pay grades, and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, by setting a pay range for the position of Forensic Investigator, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-009 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: Any further questions? Mrs. Meier

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-009 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for passage of Bill 24-009.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Zader, 24-010.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 24-010 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded by Mrs. Zader that time. The clerk will now read bill 24-010.

DELAINE WEINER: Approving a reappointment of a Council member to the Historic Preservation Commission.

REAPPOINTMENT - HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #24-010 ORDINANCE: 24-011

Approving a reappointment of a Council member to the Historic Preservation Commission.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-010 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Diaz. 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.

DISCUSSION:

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just wanted to thank David for taking one for the team. Seriously, you have been on that commission now for quite a while, so thank you.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Is it that bad David?

DAVID FALQUETTE: During our caucus meeting, nobody else wanted it. There was no fight, no discussion, no debate.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Is there any other discussion on Bill 24-010? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-010 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

AURELIO DIAZ: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall will the role for passage of Bill 24-010.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, 24-011.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-011 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 24-011.

DELAINE WEINER: Designating an Assistant Clerk of Council, establishing the duties and the salary therefor, and declaring an emergency.

DESIGNATING - ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-011 ORDINANCE: 24-012

Designating an Assistant Clerk of Council, establishing the duties and the salary therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-011 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Meier 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: Question? Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 24-011 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 passage for 24-011.

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. Falquette?

DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Mr. Diaz, 24-012.

AURELIO DIAZ Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 24-012 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

CHERYL MEIER: Second. Just to be clear, that is as amended.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Yes, Bill 24-012 is as amended.

It's been moved and seconded by Mrs. Meier that time. The clerk will now read bill 24-012.

DELAINE WEINER: ODOT-Installing ITS cameras along US-30 in the City of Mansfield.

ODOT - INSTALLING ITS CAMERAS ALONG US 30

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #24-012 ORDINANCE: 24-013

ODOT-Installing ITS cameras along US-30 in the City of Mansfield.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 24-012 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Meier. 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: Questions? Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 24-012 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall call the role for passage of 24-012.

DELAINE WEINER: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

DELAINE WEINER: Mr. Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes

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. Falquette?	
DAVID FALQUETTE: Yes	
PRESIDENT SCOTT: Bill Passes 7-0.	
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CLOSING COMMENTS:	
PRESIDENT SCOTT: Is there anything else to come before motion to close would be entertained.	council this evening? Hearing nothing a
STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.	
DAVIS FAQUETTE: Second	
PRESIDENT SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded to clos	se. All those in favor say aye.
COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye	
PRESIDENT SCOTT: Great, 8:03pm council is now closed.	. We are adjourned.
END OF DISCUSSION	
ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, seconded by Mrs. meeting was adjourned.	Burns, and passed by voice vote, the
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DELAINE WEINER: Ms. Daley?