

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 1, 2023

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday August 1, 2023 at 7:26 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: Do we have anyone signed up for Council? No one else. Alright. Committee reports. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR THEAKER: I have nothing.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Safety Service Public Works Director?

DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing Sir.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Law Director?

LAW DIRECTOR SPOHN: No thank you.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, we'll proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns do we have any late bills tonight?

LAURA BURNS: No sir, we do not.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That's wonderful. Do you want to suspend any rules tonight?

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: I would like to. 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: Mrs. Burns do we have anything else? That was so fast. Just seems like you should have one more thing. Alright, you're up first though. 23-107 first reading.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-107 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: The clerk will now perform the first reading of 23-107.

AMY YOCKEY: Amending Section 941.08 (Water Charges) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates, and declaring an emergency.

AMENDING SECTION 941.08 WATER CHARGES

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-107

ORDINANCE: 23-107

Amending Section 941.08 (Water Charges) of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-107 be read and placed upon the floor for first 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: Are there any questions, comments? Thank you. Mr. Davenport 23-108. I missed...I missed that. Were back on 23-107.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Let's try this again. So, this is...I apologize to everyone for this. I neglected to have a line removed after our meeting two weeks ago. So, Amy has emailed you out the corrected version of the amended bill. Which will have in section A under Water Charges, the old meter rate all usages quantities. That extra line that everyone was confused about, that has been removed. We've decided that is a duplicative cost and will only serve to make billing more complex. And that's all.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That's it? If you want to amend or change this, you would make a motion to make an amendment so that's ready to go next time.

LAURA BURNS: My apologies.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That's alright.

LAURA BURNS: Every time.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We don't get a lot of practice.

LAURA BURNS: No, I don't, thankfully. Alright...ummm...yea, thank you. Alright, I would like to make a motion to amend section 941.08, water charges, of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997 as amended to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates and declaring an emergency

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to amend 23-107, section 941.08. Is there any further discussion? Passes 8 to 0. Any further commentary Mrs. Burns?

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, back to Mr. Davenport 23-108.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-108 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 23-108.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the payment to Wallace & Pancher Inc. DBA WallacePancher Group in the amount of seventy-eight thousand, two hundred, twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$78,220.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO WALLACE & PANCHER INC.

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-108

ORDINANCE: 23-108

Authorizing the payment to Wallace & Pancher Inc. DBA WallacePancher Group in the amount of seventy-eight thousand, two hundred, twenty and 00/100 dollars (\$78,220.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-108 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: 1 (Alomar Davenport)

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: No further questions and comments? Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-108 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast the vote on 23-108. We have a 7-1, no vote Alomar Davenport. Passes.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: 23-109, Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-109 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 23-109.

AMY YOCKEY: Vacating a portion of a Leonard Avenue between McPherson Street and an unnamed alley, and between Lot Nos. 4746 and 4745, and retaining the utility rights and easements therein, and declaring an emergency.

VACATING A PORTION OF LEONARD AVENUE

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-109

ORDINANCE: 23-109

Vacating a portion of a Leonard Avenue between McPherson Street and an unnamed alley, and between Lot Nos. 4746 and 4745, and retaining the utility rights and easements therein, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-109 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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 that bill 23-109 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast the vote on 23-109. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Burns, 23-110.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-110 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 23-110.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for certain yearly needs of the City, and declaring an emergency.

CONTRACTS FOR CERTAIN YEARLY NEEDS OF THE CITY

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-110

ORDINANCE: 23-110

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and to enter into contracts for certain yearly needs of the City, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-110 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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, Mrs. Burns

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: I move bill 23-110 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on bill 23-110. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz, 23-111.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-111 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 23-111.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for funding the Main Street Improvement Project.

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-111

ORDINANCE: 23-111

Authorizing the Public Works Director to submit an application for funding the Main Street Improvement Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-111 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, 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? Mr. Diaz

DISCUSSION:

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-111 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your ballot on 23-111. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-112.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-112 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 23-112.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of eighty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$80,000.00) to assist with the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Project, and declaring an emergency.

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM (DART) PROJECT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-112

ORDINANCE: 23-112

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of eighty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$80,000.00) to assist with the Drug Abuse Response Team (DART) Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-112 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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. Dav...

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott, please go ahead.

PHIL SCOTT: This isn't a question, it's just more of a comment to say I appreciate the Police Department going after all these grants and doing this to bring these funds back to town. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-112 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on 23-112. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-113.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-113 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 23-113.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) for construction of the B&O Connector Trail Safety Tunnel.

B&O CONNECTOR TRAIL SAFETY TUNNEL

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-113

ORDINANCE: 23-113

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of two hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$200,000.00) for construction of the B&O Connector Trail Safety Tunnel.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-113 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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 23-113 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes on 23-113. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-114.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-114 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 23-114.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) for the Mansfield Rising Main Street Improvement Project.

MANSFIELD RISING MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-114

ORDINANCE: 23-114

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of three hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$300,000.00) for the Mansfield Rising Main Street Improvement Project.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-114 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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? Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-114 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 23-114. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And to conclude a million dollars in grants from Richland County Foundation, Mr. Davenport, 23-115.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-115 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 23-115.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of five hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$500,000.00) for improvements at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

IMPROVEMENTS AT STERKEL PARK

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-115

ORDINANCE: 23-115

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of five hundred thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$500,000.00) for improvements at Sterkel Park, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-115 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-115 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your votes for 23-115. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Hearing none let's entertain a motion to adjourn.

PHIL SCOTT: Second

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: This meeting is now closed at 7:39 pm. Thank you very much.

END OF DISCUSSION

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



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



David Falquette
President