

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 15, 2023

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday August 15, 2023 at 7:03 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 (excused 7-0), 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: This evening we have Paul Lintern, Reverend Paul Lintern, to address Council. If you would, Mr. Lintern, state your name and your address. And 3 minutes.

PAUL LINTERN: I was watching all the little red lights coming on and thinking this can't be that hard. Paul Lintern, 394 5 Points East Road or 2 Marion Ave, alright. I alternate back and forth. I wanted to just invite you to the dedication of the Jericho Wall on August 31st 11:00am. It's at the corner of an alley that I can describe and West Dickson Avenue, between 3rd and 4th Street. It is an alley, as you can read in there, that is being transformed. Pretty non-descript, pretty unfortunate looking parking lot for most of that last year. And three weeks ago, it received asphalt. It has been the wall...5 or 8 foot by 9...8 foot by about 190 feet wall has been painted and primed. And yesterday was a banner day for us because we put two banners on the chain link fence. One that says "Remembrance and Recovery, The Jericho Wall", which faces Dickson Avenue. And the other says "Welcome to our pray ground First Christian Church", and that faces the imagination museum on 3rd Street. Both are pretty beautiful and pretty worth your travel by that. This is a wall to honor the families that have casualties in the war of addiction. And I say it that way because this will be a wall that includes names of those who died of overdose and addiction. In our community, throughout our county or even among people who are connected somehow to Mansfield. It is a wall that will have artwork, thanks to our Arts Council here in town that Lou Beakman has been organizing very well. And it will have many images of hope and just images related to recovery. The cost of addiction is huge and you know that and the wall does not spend a lot of time looking at the dark side. The families that will be comforted there, the people that will be remembered there, already know that cost. And we know that cost. This will be a wall where there is education, inspiration, hope, comfort for those that are affected by addiction. Yesterday we had about 60 people that came to lift the banners and put them in place and that has been a long time coming and yet it hasn't been any time at all. And so, I want to invite you to come between now and the 31st a lot of things are still going to happen. A beautiful pavilion is going to be built. We pray for the electricity to be completed by then. We have a small stage that is going up. We have good things that are happening there as well. And we have the support of all 18 mental health organizations that are part of the Richland County Mental Health Board. And they have stepped up to be the builders of the pavilion. And they just got a very good part of it. So, I just want to invite you to that and hope that I can come back for a fuller report at some time soon.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you, right on schedule. Deborah Mount. I think you know the procedure. Microphones already on for ya.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Deborah Mount, 114 Cliffbrook. Just wanted to say on behalf of our neighborhood, thank you for taking action on the demo order for 240 Cliffbrook. That has been a public health nuisance for a while now. And if it had changed hands 10 years ago it probably could have been salvaged but it was too far gone. So, we appreciate the work of Codes and Permits and thank you for getting this to the point of demolition. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Ms. Mount. Alright. Committee reports. Alright, Mr. Mayor round two.

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. Mr. Ramey.

DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing Sir.

END OF DISCUSSION

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

STEPHANIE ZADER: We do not Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And would you like to suspend rules tonight?

SUSPEND RULES

STEPHANIE ZADER: I would. 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 Mr. Akuchie. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright first bill tonight is 23-107, it's a second reading. Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I have the distinct pleasure of reviewing this second read, 23-107. As you know is Amending Section 941.08 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinance of 1997, as amended, to modify the rate structure and to increase water rates, and declaring an emergency. We do have a recent proposed amendment from Public Works Director.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: So...

AURELIO DIAZ: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I think we need a second and then we'll roll into the amendment.

AURELIO DIAZ: Oh, thank you for that.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will read bill 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: MR. DIAZ

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 Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-107 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:5 Nays:2 (Aurelio Diaz and Kim Moton)

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Now if there's any questions, if not Mr. Diaz you can start with your amendment.

DISCUSSION:

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you. Councilwoman Burns is way more eloquent than I, so we definitely miss her. But yes, as I was saying previously, there is another propose amendment to this bill. I think maybe Director Remy would like to elaborate more on that.

DIRECTOR REMY: I can, sure. I do know and I did say back in July, when this was first submitted, that I had some issues with the original draft and that I would help and assist in making some recommended changes. I got to that in the 11th hour, I realized that, but I did get it out Friday. The concern I have with the new Section D is that it doesn't define what an old meter is, although we all know what that is, but if you read the ordinance, you have no idea what an old meter is. And also, there was a sliding scale for the old meters. I redrafted that, made a proposed redraft of Section D to define what an old meter is. Which is, in truth, is a water meter that reads in cubic feet and one that was installed prior to May the first of 2020, which would encompass all of the old-style meters that would still be in place outside of the meter replacement project. I set it at a flat fee. I think that it may be, in my estimation, a flat numerical number going forward is more compatible with the purpose of what we're trying to do rather than escalate it every year.

I've also recommended that it go into effect October the first, which will give utility collection and the city time to get it in the billing process. As inquired earlier today, I believe, or yesterday, there was a question posed as to how many old meters we still have. The number is right around 350 or 350. We are currently out of the new meter stock. We put an order in for new meters, and we're waiting on new meters to come in. But like everything else in the material world today, everything's backlogged a little bit. We have worked pretty diligently. That question came up too, as to how did we shrink the numbers so quickly? We've been working pretty diligently to try to solve that problem. And if you look at the very large picture, we've got more than 19,000 meters out there, and we only have 300 that aren't. That's a pretty good number in reality, because that 300 or 350 that are still out there are probably the very last of the last operable meters and accessible ones, but we're still working, we'll continue to work on it. Back to my getting circling back, I believe the first of all, old meters aren't defined in the current version, and you also have an effective July first, 2023.

That's already passed, people. We can't go back and start charging people back date in a piece of legislation. That's why I've set it for October the first. It gives us time in Utility Collection to get it in the

system and start billing people, the appropriate people for that service or that penalty in truth assessment, and it defines what an old meter is. We need to have that so that if you look at the ordinance, you know what an old meter is. That's the only change that I recommend to the one that's before you tonight. The tap charges, I think we've all settled on that, and the last time you cleaned up Section A and got rid of an attempt to flat charge old meters.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Remy. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Remy? We'll start at the far end, Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes, in this new version of the bill, I don't actually see the chart with the billing charges. Are we just putting it in the...

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We have two...two bills tonight. We got the original Laura version.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Correct, I'm looking at both of them. But I'm saying...

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And it has this chart, right?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yes, were only doing \$75. We're not upping it each year. Is what we're saying?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: That's what Mr. Remy's purposing in this one. This is where we're headed to have a motion to either adopt it in whole or in part.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Ok, I was just clarifying, thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: I'm glad to, or we will.

STEPHANIE ZADER: The other, just a comment. I think it's impressive that we got 300 and something meters installed in such a short amount of time. Glad to see that. It's obviously been something I've talked about a lot. And I would love to see that project be finalized. And thank you for the diligent work on our water meter installers part.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: So, I guess it's just more a comment. If were implementing this \$75 charge for October 1st for people that don't have the new meters, and we don't have new meters in stock to install. I see an issue with that. I see an issue with charging clients. I mean granted they've had plenty of time to have the meters installed by now. But, I guess I just want to throw that out there and see what my colleagues think about that.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: If I can throw a question, Mr. Remy do you have an estimated delivery of those meters you have on order.

DIRECTOR REMY: I don't. The order has been in for, I wanna say approximately a month, month and a half. I don't have a definitive answer for that. It's like any other materials.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ok. Let's stay on the front row first. Reverend did you have your hand up? Alright, you're next.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: So, I agree with Councilwoman Meier. But I don't see how we would penalize those people who are...if we don't have those meters to install. So, I will not support that. We charge

them \$75 when we don't have a meter. But I have a question that I want Director Remy on...let's see. N, the N section and O. And it says "When a meter is removed for repairs and/or the meter is not functioning as intended and/or miscalculating usage, the service shall be calculated and charged at the average daily usage which occurred for up to the previous twelve months." And then the O "A meter service charge in accordance with subsection (b) and a readiness to serve charge in accordance with subsection (c) hereof will continue to be billed to the water service account even after termination of water service until the meter is removed."

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Remy do you want to address that?

DIRECTOR REMY: Well the answer to N, new section N, addresses the situation were currently using to bill CCF meters. Because we can't read them with our new system. So, the way their being billed is based upon the 12-month period that was in existence when the meters were readable. The 300-350 meters are being billed on an average estimated use from past usage. An estimate based on past usage. Cuz we can't read the meters. And that's a common practice when the meter doesn't work or malfunctions then you look back on prior usage and you estimate what the usage is and you bill them for that estimated usage. That's what N means. O, that O is an implementation of the meter service charge and the readiness to serve charge that were put into place 6 months ago that you'd get charged for those regardless if you have a meter or not. Because you have the availability to have water. And um...yea.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Remy. Mr. Akuchie does that answer your question?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, thank you. Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Councilwoman Burns is not here and I know she was, I guess I want to call her the author of this piece of legislation. But Councilwoman Zader I know you worked closely with her. Director Remy is proposing a flat rate. I want to know the rationale behind the previous escalating...the escalating rate scale...the escalating yearly rate. What was the rationale behind it before.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President, can I?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Go ahead.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I was actually for the flat rate. I don't like the escalating one because I think it's going to be very hard for our Utility Collection. I mean that's going to make their job more difficult. I think a flat rate makes it the same for everybody. And it's really not being charged because of usage, it's being charged because they have an old meter. So, having a standard flat rate charge that is essentially is a penalty, that's the same for everyone, that seems reasonable to me.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yea, I agree. I just was...before. I just wanted to know the rational. What the reasoning was for the previous...

STEPHANIE ZADER: I can't answer that.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: With Councilman Burns here, not here I guess.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: If you can indulge me, I wrote that piece of legislation.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Ok, ok so you can answer this.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And I put it in as an ever-increasing pain to get the new meter put in. If \$75's not enough to have it done by the end of the year, let's try \$100. If that's not enough by the end of the year we'll do \$125. And my goal is that by the end of 2024 we have zero meters left. That's why it was escalating. That was my mindset. And I'll stop. Does that answer your question Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: It does.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz, did you have any questions?

AURELIO DIAZ: I did not.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, wonderful. Ms. Moton I'm sure you did.

KIMBERLY MOTON: Yes, thank you so much Mr. President. One flat fee. I think is something we might need to take a look at. And I'm saying that because we're already taxing our citizens with the ready to serve as the water bill has increased. I understand that it's their responsibility as well. You know, make the call to get the appointment set up, to be there to get the water meter switched out. But let's think about this. The way things are now. \$75 monthly, in addition to is kind of steep. And then for it to increase. To me I don't think we really thought about that process. And I'm gonna say this too. About a month of so ago we were told we had 600 meters that still needed to be replaced. So now were at 300-350, ok. So, there's been a lot of push to get this done in the last month. And I guess I want to know what made the difference. Have the Utility Collections, have they made phone calls to people. What has been done to make this push? Because to me that is a great deal of difference there, those numbers. And if that's the case, if there's something they've done, is it something that we can continue to do while were waiting on the parts to come in. I just think that's something that we really need to think about. Then, you know this is just another comment about another resident I've spoke with recently who informed me that she's made 3 appointments and not one time have they followed up to come back to finish the work for her meters. So, is that her fault? I don't think so. But that's just my comments.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just a couple things. I understand Councilwoman Meier concern. I do think that were 3 years into this project. We have talked about this over and over and over again. And as a person whose owned multiple properties within the city who did comply with this, and all of the 18,700ish people that did comply, were doing a disservice to everyone who did follow the rules. By not enforcing the fact that they need to install their water meters. Were supposed to have this ability to track our water usage to make sure if we have a leak. We can go in and look at that. Were supposed to have all of these things that were supposed to offer to our citizens, but we can't because we have 300 and something people who didn't follow the rules. Now, of those 300 and something there may be a few of those that we've it sounds like maybe some people have had issues with follow up from the water department, sure. But I will tell you this, I've had lots of water turned on in the city of Mansfield and when there's been an issue, I have followed up repeatedly to get it addressed. It still falls on them as a property owner to do that or as the person who has water coming to their home, if their a renter or a property owner, regardless. I get...I feel bad about it. We are pushing it out until October 1st. I'd be happy to push it out maybe a month longer than that, but I don't think we need to be pushing it out farther than that. I think that they've had plenty of time, plenty of opportunity. This has been in Richland Source, on WMFD, it's been in the News Journal, letters have gone out from the Utility Collections Department. We have reminded them repeatedly that this needs to be done. I don't feel bad at this point.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mrs. Zader. Follow up comment Ms. Moton.

KIMBERLY MOTON: Thank you Mr. President. Councilwoman Zader I definitely hear what you're saying. But I just think we need to one flat rate. And that's just my comment. I don't think we need to be billing them every single month. And then an increase coming later down the pipe.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader

STEPHANIE ZADER: Can I...I'd like to put a motion on the floor to approve Director Remy's amendments to this bill. Doing a flat rate of \$75 a month with the caveat that we can amend that start date if we'd like to. But I would like to move forward with the amendments to the bill. If someone has a proposed date that we do that, I'm happy to entertain that.

PHIL SCOTT: I would propose that we extend that date out to at least November the 1st of 2023.

STEPHANIE ZADER: So, with that I'll make the motion, I will withdraw my motion and make a new motion that is amending Director Remy's add ins to this bill to November 1st, but keeping all else the same.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: So, we need a second to move forward.

PHIL SCOTT: I will second that.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. Scott. So, we have a motion and a second to adopt Director Remy's paragraph D, the definition. And included in that change the beginning date to November 1st 2023. And we have a second. Is there any further discussion on that motion of amendment? Hearing none, are we able to vote? Yes. Are you good? Alright the vote should be on your computer. We have it with a pass of 5 with 2 nays, Mr. Diaz and Ms. Moton. So, the motion passes 5-2. Alright, we have the motion in. Back to Mr. Diaz. Are you ready to put the whole bill as amended on the floor for a final vote?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes. Id like to make the motion to...No, I didn't know. I don't think we should vote on this tonight.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's scheduled for August 15th for second read and a vote, is what we had on the schedule.

AURELIO DIAZ: So, we will go ahead, yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright. So are you going to make a motion Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: I'll make a motion to move this bill and place it on the floor for final passage

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: So, the bill is on the floor, 23-107 as just amended, for final passage. Mr. Davenport.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yea, I believe we should wait for the chair. Mrs. Burns is the author of this piece of legislation. I think it should be her decision on whether we should vote on it today. I mean, it's out there. So...but I'm just saying I...I believe we should not be voting on it today. Being that the author of this piece of legislation is not her.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Is that a motion?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Well we gotta finish up the first one.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yea, we gotta finish the first one.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And we got a comment on the motion. Mr. Reverend Akuchie?

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Mr. President I agree with Mr. Davenport because if Mrs. Burns is the author of the legislation, I believe she will be hear and we will hear hers. So, I'm in agreement.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: My only comment is she's the sponsor of it and multiple people altered it and it's not unlike when anybody else is absent. But it's up to you guys what you wanna do. Right now, there's a motion on the floor to vote on it.

AURELIO DIAZ: Would I be able to withdraw my motion?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: You're allowed to do that I guess.

AURELIO DIAZ: I would like to withdraw my motion.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, so the motions been withdrawn to vote on this bill this evening. Would you like to propose a new voting day?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Well I guess I will Mr. President since...I would...I...would make the motion that we amend the date for pas...voting on this bill to the first meeting of September, which is September 5th.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: September 5th. So, I have a motion on the floor to postpone this until September the 5th. Do I have a second?

CHERYL MEIER: I would

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: From Mrs. Meier. So, we have a motion and a second to postpone until September 5th for the vote. If there's no further discussion, when Amy throws it up there we can vote on it. Passes 7-0. So, it's postponed.

AMY YOCKEY: She's going to be so happy that you guys waited.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott, let's move on, 23-116.

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. Bill 23-116 is honoring Officer James Mark Perry upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Would you like to move it so we can read it?

PHIL SCOTT: I would move that the clerk read bill 23-116

AMY YOCKEY: I feel like he already read it.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: He sorta did.

PHIL SCOTT: Hey she gets out of reading the whole thing.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yep she does. Do we have a second for this?

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We have a second. Will the clerk now read bill 23-116?

AMY YOCKEY: Honoring Officer James Mark Perry upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

HONORING OFFICER JAMES MARK PERRY

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-116

ORDINANCE: 23-116

Honoring Officer James Mark Perry upon his retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-116 be read and placed upon the floor for second read, 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 FALQUETTE: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments about honoring Officer Perry? Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: I know he's not here, but I've known J-Mark for many years. He was very involved in our Safety Town. And was Sargent and then moved back to patrol and then moved back to Sargent. And he's just done a really good job and served our city well. So, I want to acknowledge that and thank him for his service.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone else? Thank you. Mr. Scott.

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-116 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. If there's no further discussion, please vote to honor Officer James Mark Perry. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-117.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-117 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 23-117.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (36 West Blanche Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-36 WEST BLANCHE STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-117

ORDINANCE: 23-117

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (36 West Blanche Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-117 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 FALQUETTE: Further question or comment? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-117 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please vote for 23-117. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-118.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-118 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 23-118.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated garage (176 Blymyer Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-176 BLYMYER AVENUE

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-118

ORDINANCE: 23-118

Declaring the remains of a designated garage (176 Blymyer Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-118 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 FALQUETTE: Question or comment? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: I move bill 23-118 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please vote on 23-118. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-119.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir, I move that bill 23-119 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 23-119.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (240 Cliffbrook Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-240 CLIFFBROOK STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-119

ORDINANCE: 23-119

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (240 Cliffbrook Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-119 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 FALQUETTE: Question? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-119 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast the vote on 23-119. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-120.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-120 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 23-120.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (285 Reed Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-285 REED STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-120

ORDINANCE: 23-120

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (285 Reed Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-120 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 FALQUETTE: Questions? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-120 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on 23-120. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-121.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-121 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 23-121.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (334 Louis Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-334 LOUIS STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-121

ORDINANCE: 23-121

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (334 Louis Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-121 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 FALQUETTE: Questions and comments? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-121 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on 23-121. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-122.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-122 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Wonderful. It's been moved and seconded. 23-122 may now be read by the Clerk.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (347 Louis Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-347 LOUIS STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-122

ORDINANCE: 23-122

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (347 Louis Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-122 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 FALQUETTE: Questions? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-122 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on 23-122. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-123.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-123 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 23-123.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated commercial gas station (474 Bowman Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-474 BOWMAN STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-123

ORDINANCE: 23-123

Declaring the remains of a designated commercial gas station (474 Bowman Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-123 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 FALQUETTE: Questions? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-123 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Let's vote, 23-123. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-124.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-124 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 23-124.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated garage (558 Garfield Place) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-558 GARFIELD PLACE

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-124

ORDINANCE: 23-124

Declaring the remains of a designated garage (558 Garfield Place) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-124 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 FALQUETTE: Questions?

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Yes Mr. Scott.

PHIL SCOTT: Not really a question, but a comment. Ya know I've been on this council for quite a while now. And have been a part of a lot of voting for a lot of demolitions. And I know, it's kind of a good and a bad thing. Ya know, it's good were getting rid of these blighted properties but it's also bad. The fast that were losing housing in this city. And I think it would be really great is possibly the City could come up with a plan to somehow promote the building of new properties on the vacant structures. Ya know we talked about the loss of water revenue. Well, if were losing properties and were losing dwelling places, then were losing tenants people that are inhabiting these homes and using our services. So I think it would be great if we could do something to encourage the rebuilding of Mansfield and buildings...these houses on some of these vacant properties. Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Your welcome Mr. Scott. Thank you for your comment. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-124 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote on 23-124. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-125.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-125 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 23-125.

AMY YOCKEY: Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (596 Springmill Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

DEMO-596 SPRINGMILL STREET

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-125

ORDINANCE: 23-125

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (596 Springmill Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and dangerous to life and other property; directing the demolition thereof by City forces or contract labor, materials and equipment, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-125 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 FALQUETTE: Questions? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-125 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your ballot on 23-125. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott, 23-126.

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-126 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 23-126.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Christopher C. Thomas for real estate known as Hangar 521 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

HANGAR 521 LEASE-CHRISTOPHER C. THOMAS

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-126

ORDINANCE: 23-126

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a lease with Christopher C. Thomas for real estate known as Hangar 521 at the Mansfield Lahm Airport, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-126 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Scott 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 FALQUETTE: Questions? Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Not a question, just a quick comment. Just happy to see continued development going on and things happening at the Airport. We just had a fantastic Airport Day with a drone show that was really cool. The first of its kind in our area, it was done at the Super Bowl. So, it was really exciting that we were able to bring something like that to Mansfield. And it was all done by donation. It cost \$25,000 to put that drone show on. So, if you didn't see it, you missed out.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mrs. Zader. Any other comments tonight? Mr. Scott, 23-126.

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President I move bill 23-126 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast the vote on 23-126. Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-127.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-127 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 23-127.

AMY YOCKEY: Annual request authorizing the Director of Finance to make transfers, among the City's appropriated funds by classification within departments and sub departments, necessary to balance accounts for proper accounting purposes at year-end (as of December 31, 2023), and declaring an emergency.

ANNUAL REQUEST AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO MAKE TRANSFERS

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-127

ORDINANCE: 23-127

Annual request authorizing the Director of Finance to make transfers, among the City's appropriated funds by classification within departments and sub departments, necessary to balance accounts for proper accounting purposes at year-end (as of December 31, 2023), and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-127 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 FALQUETTE: Questions and comments? Hearing none, Mr. Davenport

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-127 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Let's cast the vote for 23-127. It passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Hearing nothing.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Move to close.

PHIL SCOTT Second

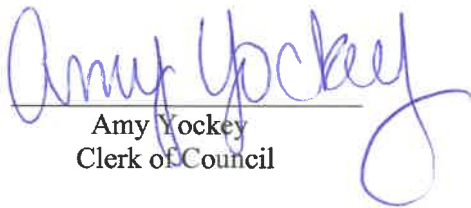
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader moved to close, Scott seconded. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone opposed? Meeting closed 7:48 pm. Thank you very much for attending.

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