

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Sept 5, 2023

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:18 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, 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: Anyone that wishes to speak. This evening we have Easter McNeil for his three minutes. Mr McNeil if you would like to come up and address Council.

EASTHER MCNEIL: I have a couple of things that I want to talk about. First, Easter McNeil 304 E. Arch Street. I went to the parks meeting that they had and I don't think too much is going to be done. I say that because I was going to a park maybe 2 miles away and it had a pool, I do not know who closed it down. I couldn't go to the pool because I was black, but pretty soon blacks got to go to this park. They closed the pool down. I had to go from Sixth Street to Liberty Park to swim. Now Liberty Park is down. All these kids had to find somewhere to go. I think something should have been done a long time ago. Just like Liberty Park, they don't want to open it back up. The city doesn't want to open it back up. They said it cost too much money to fix. Look at the kids. Where are they going to go? When they were closing down the other pools in other neighborhoods. They could have fixed North Lake Park. They could have fixed Liberty Park. We build pools in other neighborhoods. I think the city should have stepped in we were taxpayers back then. This is happening in the late 40's. I had to go to Liberty, after that no pool. Now where I lived, I was not going to walk. Alright, enough of the pool. Driving down Park Avenue ok. That has always been a big problem. It was a big problem on the east coast. When I worked for the government it was the same thing happening over there.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Could you wrap it up Mr. McNeil because your three minutes are just about up.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Pretend somebody is behind me. Well anyway, that driving on that they have out there. They corrected it. That the police was involved but they corrected it. But they had the same problem so I don't know how long it took them but they corrected it.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. McNeil.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Anyone behind me?

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. McNeil we have a lot to do tonight.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Do we have any committee reports for Council? Alright.

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

LAURA BURNS: We do not Mr. President.

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

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: 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 Mrs. Zader. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Burns you are up first. We waited for you. Alright, first bill tonight is 23-107. Mrs. Burns.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you, Mr. President. I am so honored. I move that Bill 23-107 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 23-107.

DELAINÉ WEINER: 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 final vote, 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: If there's no further question, Mrs. Burns.

DISCUSSION:

LAURA BURNS: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-107 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. We'll now vote on bill 23-107. Passes 8 to 0.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Miss Moton

KIM MOTON: Yes, just a quick question. I was wondering where we are with the supplies. I knew that was one of the concerns at the last meeting. There was an order that was submitted and we were still waiting on supplies. I just wanted to know where we are if we can get feedback on that.

DIRECTOR REMY: I do not have the answer to that tonight. I was out all last week, but I can check and let everyone know by email.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Director Remy, at the last meeting you had said, correct me if I am wrong, if we do not have the supplies in that you can make sure that these charges do not go on their bills. That way they are not getting charged for something that is our fault. Correct?

DIRECTOR REMY: Correct. There is the ability to pause this legislation even though it technically goes into effect on September 22nd.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything further? Mrs Meier? I am sorry, Mrs Burns back to you 23-107.

LAURA BURNS: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that bill 23-107 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott, 23-128.

PHILLIP SCOTT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-128 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 23-128.

DELAINE WEINER: Honoring Officer Kimberley Vandayburg upon her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

HONORING OFFICER KIMBERLEY VANDAYBURG

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-128

ORDINANCE: 23-128

Honoring Officer Kimberley Vandayburg upon her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-128 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Meier 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: Thank you. Are there any further questions or comments about honoring Officer Vandayburg? Mrs. Zader.

STEPHANIE ZADER: She will be missed even though she would ticket me every time I was on the square.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Kimberly was the most pleasant person I have ever ran into downtown.

DISCUSSION:

PHIL SCOTT: Thank you, Mr. President. I move bill 23-128 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. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader, 23-129.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-129 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 23-129.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing payment of the claim of Kevin Walter of 430 Gem Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907, and declaring an emergency.

CLAIM- KEVIN WALTER

BY: MRS. ZADER

BILL #23-129

ORDINANCE: 23-129

Authorizing payment of the claim of Kevin Walter of 430 Gem Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio 44907, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 23-129 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: Further question or comment? Hearing none, Mrs. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Thank you Sir. I move bill 23-129 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

PHILLIP SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please vote for 23-129. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-130.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that bill 23-130 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 23-130.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the City of Mansfield to transfer to the Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation two (2) parcels of land of City-owned property beside Lot number 1731 West Third Street, which no longer serves a public purpose, and declaring an emergency.

TRANSFER PARCELS TO RICHLAND COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-130

ORDINANCE: 23-130

Authorizing the City of Mansfield to transfer to the Richland County Land Reutilization Corporation two (2) parcels of land of City-owned property beside Lot number 1731 West Third Street, which no longer serves a public purpose, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-130 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: Question or comment? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: I move bill 23-130 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please vote on 23-130. Passes 8-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-132.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-132 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 23-132.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the payment to Felty-Heinlen Architects & Planners, Inc. in the amount of four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

THEN AND NOW- FELTY-HEINLEN ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS, INC.

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-132

ORDINANCE: 23-131

Authorizing the payment to Felty-Heinlen Architects & Planners, Inc. in the amount of four thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$4,000.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-132 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. Davenport

CHERYL MEIER: Normally we have a finance committee meeting and we didn't so I was just wondering what happened.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport do you want to take it or the Assistant Chief?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I will let the Assistant Chief speak to it.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BISHOP: Okay, this has been an ongoing project since early in the first quarter. We had preliminary drawings started. We got the approval to go ahead with the drawings and we have another project down at station one. The invoice got ahead of our P.O. That is really all I can say about it. We got a lot of stuff going on and this invoice got ahead of our P.O. and I really don't have any better answer than that.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Okay, Thank you.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs Meier is satisfied, Mr. Davenport? Did you want to say something?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: She is right, I do typically go into depth with these things. As I say, this was a dropped ball. He said it, but I will allow them to say it. This was a dropped ball.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: If there is nothing further, Mr. Davenport Bill 23-132. Thank you Assistant Chief.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-132 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 23-132. It passes 8-0.

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

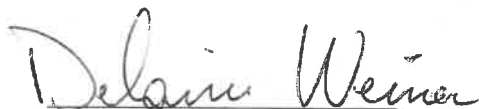
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Zader moved to close, Scott seconded. All those in favor say aye.


COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Anyone opposed? Meeting closed 7:35 pm. Thank you very much for attending.

END OF DISCUSSION

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


Delaine Weiner
Assistant Clerk of Council


David Falquette
President