

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
Sept 19, 2023

The second monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 7:05 pm in the
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

David Falquette led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered were present at roll call: Burns, Meier, Akuchie (excused absence), Davenport, Diaz, Moton, Zader (excused absence), Scott, and Falquette.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: We'll now have public comment. And Easter McNeil you're up first.

EASTHER MCNEIL: Just a couple things. Uh, parks...John Todd Park. If I'm not mistaken, the grass and weeds couldn't be cut because of butterflies or something like that. Correct me if I'm wrong. The parks over here. The City can't do anything about it. But now at the top of the hill where the gentleman, Mr. Boyd, bought that property. Which I believe is connected to the other property down the hill. So now we want to put small storage units, or big storage units whatever. Ok, I'm against that. Next, we got the streets that's being paved...re-asphalted. The people that are paving the streets are leaving asphalt all over the streets. I think they should be the ones to clean it up, not the City. I mean you go down the street and your car, all that asphalt that's left in the street gets up under your car. That should be on them that's putting it down, have some sweeper behind them. It shouldn't be the City's responsibility to clean up after somebody's doing the job. You're paying them to do that job, they should clean it up. That's it for me. Goodnight. I got a lot to say, but I just aint got time to say it.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. McNeil, we'll see ya next time.

EASTHER MCNEIL: I pray to God I'm here.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright. Kelly Roscoe. Kelly if you can state your name and your address. And we got 3 minutes.

KELLY ROSCOE: My name is Kelly Roscoe. I live at 338 Boston Avenue. And on September 1st I woke to my basement flooding. Went outside and noticed that both of my yards were flooding. My garage was completely flooded. Walked up the street and noticed that there was a water main break about 4 houses up from us. Called the City. They didn't come out till about 2 hours later to turn that off. In the meantime, the water is coming into now my living room and my kitchen. We have bills totaling over \$6,000 and that's just cleaning up the basement. That doesn't include any appliances, anything in our garage that was ruined. Lawn mowers, freezers, refrigerators. And I would like the City to help. And that's it.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ok. If you see Ms. Amy, the Clerk, she will provide you with some forms.

KELLY ROSCOE: Thank you so much.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Certainly. Thank you, Ms. Roscoe.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Do we have any committee reports? Alright Mayor, would you like to address Council?

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Director Remy?

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR REMY: I have nothing sir.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Director Spon?

LAW DIRECTOR SPON: I have nothing.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, we'll proceed with legislation. Mr. Scott.

PHIL SCOTT: Mr. President I would move that Council goes in to executive session pertaining to matters at the airport, Mansfield Lahm Airport.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Pending legal...litigation.

PHIL SCOTT: Pending legal legislation...pending legal matters.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. Do I have a second Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. All those...we roll call this right?

AMY YOCKEY: Yea, and I've got it up to vote.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, we have it up to vote. Passes 6 to 0. Alright, we are going to excuse ourselves to the back room and we'll be back. Hopefully shortly.

In executive session for 20 minutes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, that didn't take too long. And I apologize for our technical snafu. Mr. Scott can you bring us back?

PHIL SCOTT: I can do that. I will make a motion that City Council comes out of executive session at 7:33.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to come out of executive session and we're faster than Amy thought. Laura Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Cheryl Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alomar Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz, thank you. Ms. Moton?

KIMBERLY MOTON: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: And Phil Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, it's unanimous. Were out of executive session. Alright, Mrs. Burns, we'll now proceed with legislation. Do we have any late bills tonight?

LAURA BURNS: No sir we do not. However...

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright. However?

SUSPEND RULES

LAURA BURNS: 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. Meier. A voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6, Nays: 0

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, Mr. Davenport, 23-131.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: With respect to 23-131, I want to put a motion on the floor that we postpone the vote until October the 3rd.

CHERYL MEIER: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to postpone voting on bill 23-131 until October the 3rd. If there's no further discussion, Mrs. Burns? You can postpone it. Just say yes.

LAURA BURNS: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ms. Moton?

KIMBERLY MOTON: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's unanimous, it's postponed.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-133.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Put a motion on the floor that bill 23-133 is read and put on the floor for discussion.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Thank you. And I'll read this on behalf of the Clerk. This is a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for Mansfield Township

TAX LEVIES- MANSFIELD TOWNSHIP

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-133

ORDINANCE: 23-133

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for Mansfield Township

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-133 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Scott. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there any further discussion? Mr. Davenport

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I move bill 23-133 be placed on the docket for final consideration.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ms. Moton?

KIMBERLY MOTON: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Passes unanimous.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, Mr. Davenport, 23-134.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I move that Bill 23-134 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Thank you. It's been moved and seconded. The president will now read motion. Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for City of Mansfield.

TAX LEVIES- CITY OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-134

ORDINANCE: 23-134

Accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor for City of Mansfield

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-134 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Scott The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 Nays:0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Any further discussion? Alright, just as a note one of these...the first one was for Mansfield Township, the second ones for the City of Mansfield. That's what the difference is. Alright, Mrs. Burns?

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I haven't moved up.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Who did that? Oh, sorry.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: I move that with respect to bill 23-134 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Great, now that it's been moved and seconded, on the floor for the vote. Mrs. Burns?

LAURA BURNS: Yes, please

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Yes.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport?

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Diaz?

AURELIO DIAZ: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Ms. Moton?

KIMBERLY MOTON: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Scott?

PHIL SCOTT: Yes

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, passes unanimous.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mrs. Meier, 23-135.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-135 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. I'll read 23-135. Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept the donation of 10 picnic tables, 2 ADA picnic tables, 5 outdoor trash cans and 1 outdoor water bottle filling station with a dog bowl from the Richland Public Health to be installed at various parks, including Central, Fox Glen, and Liberty Parks.

RICHLAND PUBLIC HEALTH DONATIONS TO THE PARKS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-135

ORDINANCE: 23-135

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept the donation of 10 picnic tables, 2 ADA picnic tables, 5 outdoor trash cans and 1 outdoor water bottle filling station with a dog bowl from the Richland Public Health to be installed at various parks, including Central, Fox Glen, and Liberty Parks.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 23-135 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Scott. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 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 any further discussion or question? Mrs. Meier.

DISCUSSION:

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you sir. I just to extend Mr. Abrahams, the Park Superintendent, could not be here this evening. But on behalf of the Parks and all of us at City Council, we would like to extend our deepest appreciation for this donation. Mr. Abrahams has advised that the Parks Department is putting these tables and things together and they should be out at the various parks very shortly.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, very good. Anyone else? This is another grand donation. Let's put it on the floor so we can vote on it.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you sir. I move bill 23-135 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. We'll now cast your ballot on the electronic voting system. Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Alright, Mr. Davenport, 23-136.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-136 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-136.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the acceptance of a Treatment and Recovery Grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for support services to clients that are involved with selected mental health dockets, and declaring an emergency.

TREATMENT AND RECOVERY GRANT

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-136

ORDINANCE: 23-136

Authorizing the acceptance of a Treatment and Recovery Grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for support services to clients that are involved with selected mental health dockets, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-136 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Scott. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 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. Davenport

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-136 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 23-136. Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-137.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President I move that bill 23-137 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

AURELIO DIAZ: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded by Mr. Diaz that time. The clerk will now read bill 23-137.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the acceptance of Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$16,366.to be used for administrative costs associated with certain specialty courts, and declaring an emergency.

ADDICTION TREATMENT PROGRAM (ATP) FUNDING

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-137

ORDINANCE: 23-137

Authorizing the acceptance of Addiction Treatment Program (ATP) funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$16,366.to be used for administrative costs associated with certain specialty courts, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-137 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Diaz. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Questions? Mr. Davenport

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you Mr. President. I move bill 23-137 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote. Passes 6-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Mr. Davenport, 23-138.

ALOMAR DAVENPORT: Thank you, Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-138 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read bill 23-138.

AMY YOCKEY: Authorizing the acceptance of Specialized Docket funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$200,000.00) to be used for personnel costs associated with the four (4) Mansfield Municipal Court specialty dockets, including Domestic Violence Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Court, and declaring an emergency.

SPECIALIZED DOCKET FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-138

ORDINANCE: 23-138

Authorizing the acceptance of Specialized Docket funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, through the Richland County Board of Mental Health, in the amount of \$200,000.00) to be used for personnel costs associated with the four (4) Mansfield Municipal Court

specialty dockets, including Domestic Violence Court, Drug Court, Mental Health Court and Veterans Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-138 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mr. Scott. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:6 Nays:0

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

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Question? Mr. Davenport.

DISCUSSION:

ALOMAR DAVENPORT Thank you Mr. President. I move that bill 23-138 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

PHIL SCOTT: Second.

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote for 23-138. Passes 6 to 0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Hearing nothing a motion to close would be entertained.

CHERYL MEIER: Move to close.

LAURA BURNS: Second

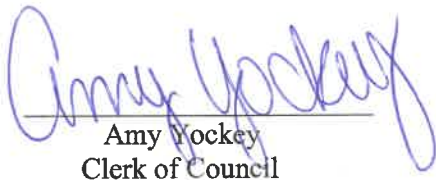
PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: It's been moved and seconded to close. All those in favor say aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT FALQUETTE: Great, 7:42 pm council is now closed.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, seconded by Mrs. Burns, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.


Amy Hockey
Clerk of Council


David Falquette
President