

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
December 5, 2023**

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on  
Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 7:28 pm in the  
Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Rev. 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:** If you can turn that microphone on and state your name and address, then you have three minutes, thank you.

**KATHY MCCRELLIAS:** Kathy McCrellias, 500 Chevy Chase Road. I'm gonna be really strange because I agree with voting down the pipes and the hydrants. And the reason I am is because I think we've bombarded our population with increases with doing three percent then doing the readiness. And then to hit them with three percent again this year, and then hit them again with doing the tax, levy. And the reason I say that is, you have to look at Mansfield, what the demographics are. We have a population of a little under 48,000, which is classified as a small town. We have eighteen percent (18%) are over 65 and eight percent (8%) are over 80. So, you are looking at a demographic that is on a fixed incomes. There is no extra money. There is no bringing in anything else. The average income is under \$38,000 per household, and the poverty level is almost 26% which is very high. We would love to have new pipes, I would love to have it. I hate having a broken pipe on my street and it takes eight (8) days to get it fixed. But we can't keep bombarding these people with something like this. We need to prove to them what the water department does. They need to see that the water department is working for them, this money is going for them. They're not seeing that. Their seeing that it is taking almost five years to get meters replaced. It takes so long to do anything. And like I said, I would love to have new pipes. I don't like having fire hydrons that don't work. But it's not going to be done overnight anyways. We need to work on the people. We need to get their trust and then we can move forward. And one thing that would help, would be if we could get a quarterly news letter sent out, and I know they can do it, because they just sent me, oh I don't have it, just sent me a sheet in my water Bill about the water. So I know that they can send out a quarterly report to let us know what the water department is working on, what they are using our money for. That would help immensely. Then, to go to the people and say we need this. They would understand, they would do more. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Bethany Mount.

**BETHANY MOUNT:** Bethany Mount, 114 Cliffbrook Drive. I am also here to speak about the water main tax. It was good the voters were given a chance to weigh out of this topic once, but thank you for your vote two weeks ago respect the votes and the results of the election. I urge you to hold off on putting the request back on the ballot again. I believe it would be good to give the new Mayor and her administration several months, maybe a year to get in the office and see if they can things straighten out with utility collections. So, the citizens can see that everything across the board is being Billed fairly and

paid for by all users. In the meantime, I have a few suggestions. Maybe doing grants, maybe set up a fund for contributions. Obviously, there are some people in the city who has some extra money they'd be happy to put toward this project, maybe some businesses also. It would be good to accept their money while they are willing to give it and put it towards the purpose now. Also, number three, fix the broken hydrants that are broken but not related to the water main problem. And then, if there is still a water shortage for the fire department, consider getting the fire department a used tank or truck to take to fires and be able to put water on the fires right away good supply and then can call in extra townships or get to the further hydrants and take of it that way. Thank you for your consideration and Merry Christmas everybody.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Easter McNeil.

**EASTHER MCNEIL:** Easter McNeil, 304 East Arch St. Good evening. I don't know the lady from the water department but I agree with them. My Bills just keep going up and up. But I am not here about the water, I am her about the city itself. People, landlords that rent property, and then the people that get kicked out of the property, they pile all their mess they left behind, on the sidewalks. And they leave that for the city workers to clean up. I think that the landlord should be held accountable and have to pay somebody to do that instead of we paying city workers to do that cause it's not the city workers job to clean up somebody else mess like that. I have some pictures of trash on the corner of East Arch and Bowers. Been there since the last of November, and its more mess down there than you can shake a stick at. City workers have to come through there and clean it up all the time. Somebody should put lights down there. If the city has to put lights, I will help the city. I'll pay for a light, not all of them. But once you charge the people, I want my money back. Because there is so much mess down there on Arch and Bowers. There is stuff down there that has the name of people in the trash. That shouldn't be. I don't think that these people did it. Somebody did it. But the people's name that are in the trash, they should know who the trash man was. How do I know that, because somebody tells me. Somebody tells me a lot of stuff around here in the city. Well, that's all I can say tonight.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mr. McNeil. Mrs. Haring.

**ELLEN HARING:** Ellen Haring, 1827 Alta West. Good Evening esteemed council members, and also dignitaries in the back, Mayor Theaker, Mr. Remy and my good friend Attorney John Spon. I'm here, not because I'm a resident of Mansfield. I don't live here anymore. I live in Springfield Township. But, our family owns and operates a 100-year-old business up on the square, Haring Jewelers. And, I am concerned about the safety of not only our citizens here, but also our businesses as I know you are. So, when I hear from the Water Main Initiative Committee, how important this situation is, I felt I should come and support them. Not only do I admire what you do here, I know how hard it is. I sat in one of these chairs. But I also admire the work of individual committees and people who come forward and do all the homework, and really care and try to present a solution to a problem. Which the Water Main Initiative Committee has done. So, I thought I am going to come and support that and let you know that I feel in the grand scheme of the vision for this city. The vision that I hope you share, and I know you do, expanding economic development, growing our population. Because, growing our population as you know, brings in more federal money, brings in more state money. We want to expand our population. We want to provide good housing. We want people to have good jobs, good education. And, we want to bring good business here. Do you think they are going to come when they know we have a water problem? Would you buy a house when next door there's a hydrant that doesn't work? In the case of Kurt Stimen, he says, "It will be ten years since I lost a 24-unit apartment on Maple Street, because the Fire Department had to run hoses more than 1,000 feet to Trimble Road to get water. It was a small fire in a closet could have been put out right away. But instead, it became a major event. No tenants were hurt because they had plenty of time to vacate, but twenty-four (24) families suffered in many ways never the less." It is a fact that 2,400 structures here in Mansfield are 300 feet away from a fire hydrant that has at least 50% capacity. If a

school levy goes down, what do they do? They turn around and they put it right back on the ballot. And if it goes down, they may turn around and out it right back on the ballot again. And why? As the lady from the water department pointed out. Education. She's proposing education for this particular initiative. And that's probably what needs to be done between this short time now, if you agree to put it on the ballot in March. There needs to be more education, but when 48% of the voters vote yes to fix the water issues here, you must respect that. And so, I am asking you to do that, to do what you think is right, but also what you think is best for the city. Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mrs. Haring. I had three other people that I believe spoke earlier this evening. Your waving. Just double checking. That concludes our public comments this evening.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Mayor?

**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:** Thank you gentlemen. Alright, let's proceed with legislation. Mrs. Burns do we have any late Bills this evening?

**LAURA BURNS:** No sir, we do not.

### **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. Zader. A vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0

### **LEGISLATION**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Alright. Lets now proceed with legislation. Mr. Akuchie did you have anything to say at this time?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Yes Mr. President. Thank you, sir. I want to make a motion to re-open for discussion on Bill 23-183 and a companion bill of Bill 23-184.

**LAURA BURNS:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It has been motioned by Rev. Akuchie and seconded by Mrs. Burns to re-open discussion on Bills 23-183 and 23-184. Passes 7-1. (Zader – no). So, this is discussion about

whether or not we should re-open and re-put these two bills back on the floor. We've heard a lot of discussion tonight. But, is anyone want anything to add at this point in time? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I once again want to echo this is not that I am not in support of the water mains being replaced and working fire hydrants. I would like to point out that I think if there was as much time spent trying to influence citizens in favor of this as there has been trying to influence council people in voting yes on this, I think we would have of the signatures done for this already. As I said previously, I would be happy to help get signatures, other council members have offered to help get signatures. But those efforts have been turned down. So, it's not that we are not in support of it, cause we are happy to go put the work in, but that works not willing to be put in by the people who are asking us to vote in favor for this.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Anyone else? Rev. Akuchie.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thank you Mr. President. I believe all of us here want to see the water main replaced, nobody wants see people burn down or anything terrible happen in our city. I think what we are discussing now is how do we get to that point. What do we do? And, I don't think we have any other option right now. Of course, we have talked about having some grant written, it could be done. But, considering how many pipes that would need to be replaced is something to weigh in. And for me, I believe it's the process that's why we are in here that we can send it back. Somebody that voted no before can vote no again. Somebody who vote yes, may vote no. And, somebody can change their mind in any way. We are not imposing anything on anybody saying you must vote yes, whether you like it or not. We are just sending it back and say make your decision. And it is still with the people to make that decision. We are not imposing our will on anybody. They still have their choice. It is their propogative to make that final decision. So, like I said before, I don't want to see us kicking the can down the road for more years come and it will be ticking bomb, when it explodes, it will be too late. And we will be the next generation that will be talked about as the people that we were dealing with 20 years ago, 15 years ago, 10 years ago. And I think it is just time for us to put it out there and make the final decision. That's my ... Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Scott turned on his microphone on. Maybe he would like to interject?

**PHIL SCOTT:** Yes, I would Mr. President. You know, I've went back and forth on this issue and I have always been in support the water main initiative. Way back when, in 2007 when I ran for Council President, one of the things that I brought up was that the city needs to look at the water infrastructure of this town because some of those pipes down there as we really know we've heard over the last several years, that they are over 100 years old or better and we need to look at them. And I know we have raised water rates. And you know it's probably gonna be a little bit til we realize what all that revenue generates. This levy is for '2025, '2026, '2027, and '2028. And maybe by the time the water rates have brought in, and what the income tax, and that is one thing I would like to say. This is a income tax, not an increase on your water bill. And, it was mentioned about the seniors, yes, and I am one of them. It does not affect your retirement, your social security. You don't get City of Mansfield income tax taken out of retirement funds. And as Mrs. Haring also said, it's an economic development. You know, as Columbus grows, I'm visioning we are going to get some residential growth up here in Mansfield from people moving out of the Greater Metropolitan Columbus area. But there again, whose gonna want to come to Mansfield if half our water mains don't work and fire hydrants. And also as Mrs. Haring said, school levies, you know. School levy's fail, they put it back on. So, you know, we can argue about the logistics, should it be a signature initiative, should it be the city council putting it on. But the bottom line is it needs to be put on. And hopefully we can promote it and it can get passed. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** I just want to reiterate, regardless of what we do, it's not us you have to convince, it's failed once. The people who are organizing this, have to then go out to the people: Because our eight votes, when we go out to the polls, are not going to determine whether this passes or fails. So, I want to reiterate that, and I wanna make sure that public is aware of that. That we are not the deciding factor in this. It is the city of Mansfield, the people of Mansfield, and it will be the will of the people who determines whether or not this pass, not the eight of us.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Two things. One of the things I talked about before is that this felt like a knee jerk reaction which is a lot of what we do. We respond very quickly, rather than thinking these things through and planning ahead. And you've heard me say that many times sitting up here in this chair. Rather than making a well thought out plan, we just respond quickly. Because we haven't planned ahead enough. And I think this is exactly what this is. Everyone is right. We can talk about the fact about how it gets back on the ballot, but it doesn't change the fact that it is a knee jerk reaction when we haven't even looked to see how every other plan we put in place turns out. Water meters, water rate increases, all of these things that we've done. Collecting bills that we didn't collect for seventeen years. We haven't looked to see how any of that works out before we go putting in another initiative. You want to talk about economic development? You know what's not going to attract people here? Continuing to tax them to death. Because the young people, you're right, the older population, that is retired, that's on a fixed income, isn't gonna pay those taxes. You know who is? The young professionals we need here because we can't fill jobs. So, while we are talking about economic development, consider that. Consider the fact that we are adding another tax that is going to detour people from moving here.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you Mrs. Zader. Anyone else?

**PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. President, if I can add one thing. As Mr. Miller has told us, if this does not pass this March, it's a dead issue for four (4) years, pretty much. Correct? And good Lord only knows what can happen to those lines in four years and what can happen and what the future of the city will be at that time. And I know it's the will of the city, and the will of the voters, if this passes or not. But I think it needs to put on the ballot this March. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Thank you. Anyone else? Rev. Akuchie, do you want to make any further motions?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Yes Mr. President. I want to make a motion to place Bill 23-183 back on the floor for final passage.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** This will be to pass the original Bill 23-183.

**LAW DIRECTOR SPON:** Isn't it a motion to put it back on the floor for consideration?

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** We'll go with that. Sorry. Back on the floor for consideration. Passes 7-1 (*Zader = No*). Alright, Mr. Akuchie?

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thanks Mr. President. I make a motion to pledge Bill 23-184 with a motion for discussion. For the re-consideration.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Seconded by Miss Moton. Passes 7-1 (*Zader*). The clerk will now read 23-183.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Submitting the question of adopting the enactment of an additional municipal income tax at the rate of one-quarter percent (0.25%) for a period of four (4) years from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2028 for "MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE" to the electors of the City of Mansfield, Ohio, for their approval or rejection at the general election to be held within the City of Mansfield, Ohio, on March 19, 2024, with such additional income tax receipts to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further questions or comments? Rev. Akuchie, we are gonna stick with Bill 23-183 and put it on the floor for final vote.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** If we are doing that, you wanna amend the language so it says primary not general.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Oh, that's right.

**LAW DIRECTOR JOHN SPON:** There should a motion to amend, he proposes legislation to reflect the accurate language that is necessary for consideration.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** So, we need a motion to correct the word general election to primary election.

**LAURA BURNS:** I will make the motion to correct the language from general to primary.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Passes 7-1 (*Zader – no*). Mr. Akuchie.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** I make a motion to place Bill 23-183 back on the floor as amended for final passage.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Please cast your vote for Bill 23-183 as amended. Passes 6-2 (*Zader and Davenport – No*). Alright, Bill 23-184 is a companion piece we need to put back on the floor to have it read. Mr. Akuchie.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** I move that Bill 23-184 be placed back on the floor to be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to be placed on the floor for discussion. The clerk will now read Bill 23-184.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Enacting a portion of Chapter 193 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances of 1997, as amended, to provide for a MANSFIELD WATER MAIN INITIATIVE levy of one-quarter percent (.25%) municipal income tax, after approval of such levy by the electors pursuant to § 718.01 of the Revised Code of Ohio, upon income taxable by the City of Mansfield for a period of four (4) years and

commencing January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028, to be used exclusively for the replacement of existing City water mains, and declaring an emergency.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Any further discussion? Mr. Akuchie.

**ELEAZER AKUCHIE:** Thank you sir. I make a motion for Bill 23-184 be placed on the floor for final consideration.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's moved and seconded by Miss Moton. Bill passes 6-2 (*Zader and Davenport – No*). Thank you for the time and getting off script. We survived it. Sort of.

## LEGISLATION

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, Bill 23-180. Second reading.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that to Bill 23-180 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now make the second reading for Bill 23-180.

**AMY YOCKEY:** An ordinance making temporary annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures for the City of Mansfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

## TEMPORARY ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-180

ORDINANCE: 23-181

An ordinance making temporary annual appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the City of Mansfield, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2024, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-180 be read, seconded by Mrs. Zader.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Further discussion? Running a full course on this one. Is that right Mr. Davenport? Second reading complete.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, Bill 23-196.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-196 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 23-196

**AMY YOCKEY:** Transferring appropriations in the amount of two hundred sixty-four thousand, seven hundred seventy-six and 29/100 dollars (\$264,776.29) within the Safety Services Fund (#214) to be used for the purchase of new lockers and flooring in the Mansfield Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

**APPROPRIATION OF SAFETY SERVICES FUNDS - MPD**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-196

ORDINANCE: 23-197

Transferring appropriations in the amount of two hundred sixty-four thousand, seven hundred seventy-six and 29/100 dollars (\$264,776.29) within the Safety Services Fund (#214) to be used for the purchase of new lockers and flooring in the Mansfield Police Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-196 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, 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. Meier.

*DISCUSSION:*

**CHERYL MEIER:** Chief, do we know with this project, if we pass this, when it will start and we get it all done? Sorry. You look to comfortable back there.

**CHIEF KEITH PORCH:** The vendor advised we'd be fifteen (15) weeks out once they receive the P.O.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Very good question. Anyone else? Mr. Davenport.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-196 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 23-196. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, Bill 23-197.



**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Interim Safety Service Director to purchase, according to Sourcewell pricing contract 337571 1A, five SWAT SpaceSaver Storage Units with weapons cleaning table and overhead cabinets from Patterson Pope for the Mansfield Police Department, through the state bidding schedule and without competitive bidding, and declaring an emergency.

**SPACESAVERS STORAGE UNITS - MPD**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-198

ORDINANCE: 23-199

Authorizing the Interim Safety Service Director to purchase, according to Sourcewell pricing contract 337571 1A, five SWAT SpaceSaver Storage Units with weapons cleaning table and overhead cabinets from Patterson Pope for the Mansfield Police Department, through the state bidding schedule and without competitive bidding, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-198 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 1 Nays: 6

The Bill was declared defeated, signed by the President, approved by the Mayor and attested by the Clerk.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Questions, comments? Mr. Davenport.

**DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-198 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 23-198. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Miss Moton, Bill 23-199.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-199 be read and placed upon the floor for first read discussion.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now make the first reading of Bill 23-199.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing salary increases for the Mayor, Director of Law, Director of Finance, President of Council, and Members of Council, and declaring an emergency.

**SALARY INCREASES**

BY: MISS MOTON

BILL #23-199

ORDINANCE: 23-200

Authorizing salary increases for the Mayor, Director of Law, Director of Finance, President of Council, and Members of Council, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Moton that Bill 23-199 be read and placed upon the floor for first read, seconded by Mrs. Zader.

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Questions, comments? That completes the first reading.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Miss Moton, Bill 23-200.

**KIMBERLY MOTON:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-200 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion for first read.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to place Bill 23-200 forward. The clerk will now read, first reading of Bill 23-200.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

#### **ADOPTING PERSONNEL CHANGES – '2024 PAYROLL YEAR**

BY: MISS MOTON

BILL #23-200

ORDINANCE: 23-201

Adopting personnel positions, pay grades and salaries for certain employees of the City of Mansfield 2024 payroll year, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Moton that Bill 23-200 be read and placed upon the floor for first read, seconded by Mrs. Zader.

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

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Questions, comments? Mr. Davenport.

**DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Yes. So, when we spoke about this in our last session, I had brought up a concern. And my concerns came from other department heads seeing the increase in HR, and feeling a type of way about it I'll say. Based on them pointing it out, I looked at it and had the same concerns.

However, over the last two weeks, I have had discussions with Miss May. In those discussions, she has pointed out several different things. I went and did the research on those points that were pointed out. And I have less of a concern in regard to the increase to HR. Reason being, if you look around different cities our size, and you look at what the HR is paid, even with this increase we're still on the low scale. We know here in Mansfield a lot of our positions have become training grounds to where they come in, get trained, and then move on to higher paying jobs elsewhere. Simply because we cannot pay, same as cities our size with less activity, are able to pay. So of course, you are going to move on to make more money for less work. We have a big problem with it in our Safety Services. At the President's pleasure, I would like to ask, I would like to ask Miss May to come up and explain to council what she and I have discussed. But I do want to say that I have changed my stands on that increase.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** That's fine. Miss May can come up and add to the discussion.

**DIRECTOR SHARON MAY:** Good evening. Thank you for inviting me out to discuss this matter. As Mr. Davenport has just stated, he and I had a conversation in my office maybe approximately a week ago. I want to point out a couple of clarifications about this legislation that could have been overlooked in the previous session. First, I want to point out that over eleven (11) positions, non-bargaining positions, would be receiving a grade, again it's a range. Let me back up for a session. Again, what we are discussing here in this ordinance is solely pay ranges. The actual salary of any non-bargaining position within the city, is controlled strictly by the elected authority by which they report to. The Mayor, the Law Director, The Finance Director. So now as we delve into it, when you look at this ordinance, there are 11 positions which would receive in this ordinance as written, an increase to the top end of their pay grade of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) or more. Of those 11 positions, three (3) of those would receive an increase at the top end of their pay scale of thirteen thousand dollars (\$13,000) or more. So as Mr. Davenport and I discussed, we discussed some specifics on those positions. First, we discussed the HR Director position. What I discussed with Mr. Davenport, is I had looked at similar sized cities, and I had looked at agencies such as our count and other county agencies. When I looked at our county, the information that I received through public records request, was the salary range for the HR Director is a little over eighty-one thousand (\$81,000) to over one hundred, thirteen thousand (\$113,000). When I looked at another county agency here in Richland County, the salary range for the HR position is \$58,600 to \$97,800. Both of those the high range, being higher than what is proposed in this legislation. In other similar-sized cities, I looked at the city of Kettering, which does not have a salary range for their positions, however their HR Director is compensated at over one hundred forty-eight thousand (\$148,000). And that is for a city, it does have a population higher than ours, it is ten thousand (10,000) larger than ours. Next, I looked at the city of Springfield. Their HR Director has a salary range of \$114,000 to \$145,000. Next, I looked at the city of Middletown, which is structured quite differently than us. In fact, they don't have a HR Director. Their HR department is coupled with their Law department, which is also non-elected official within their city. However, their HR Manager has a salary range of \$67,000 to \$88,500. Finally, I also contacted the city of Lima. Again, they have no range. And their HR Director told me that their '2023 salary was \$83,000 but they would be expecting an increase in '2024. So again, just as Mr. Davenport stated, it is truly my belief and in studying some similar-size communities, and studying our own community, this is truly a modest endeavor. The other positions that list a larger increase to their top end, would be our water plant and our waste water plant. And I can discuss those if this body wishes.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** I appreciate that we did research on those positions that are getting significant increases. But we've talked a lot about compensation in my time on city council of our city employees. We have people who crawl down into holes in the ground with broken water mains spraying pressurized water at them for less than \$14.00 an hour. We piece mail this together again, knee jerk reactions rather than well thought out plan. It's what I have talked about repeatedly. And I feel like this is that again. We're not taking an overall look at our compensation in our city. We're not looking at compensating our employees before we compensate ourselves. That goes for both these pieces. I understand the need for

compensation for these positions to get good people to step up into leadership. I also understand the need for good compensation for the leaders in our city, but when are we going to take a proactive look at the compensation for all of our employees. We've made some strides in that because we have been forced to because of negotiations. But have we taken a proactive look at those. When you were calling those cities, were you asking what our laborers were making, because I guarantee you the difference is different, majorly different, then what we are looking at here.

**DIRECTOR SHARON MAY:** Mrs. Zader, to address that point, that is a very valid point. What all those concerns, we actually open the AFSCME contract. In a little, two-ish months. We will be into open contracts, and all of those issues can be addressed at that time. This time, we are addressing non-bargaining employees. So, I believe that the employees that you are addressing, will be outside the scope of what we are doing here tonight. And we address that in open contract, certainly will address that by studying serve reports and studying trends at that time. And I know that is something we addressed the last contract cycle, and surely it will be addressed in the upcoming contract cycle. So, I look forward to the opportunity to do that as well.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** And again, that was just one position that I named, but there are many positions throughout the city that are under compensated compared to other municipalities, compared to local employers. And you mentioned reopening that contract in a couple of months, well it seems that it would have been proactive to start researching those while we are making phone calls and researching this, to also research that and be prepared when we go into those contract negotiations. There're no further questions. Thank you.

**DIRECTOR SHARON MAY:** Thank you Mrs. Zader. And absolutely, we will. It's just unfortunately, this is not the time to have those discussions. For what it is, it will be.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Alright. Anyone else? That concludes. Were doing the reading on this one as well.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** So, we are to Mr. Scott. Bill 23-202.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-202 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 23-202.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Honoring Sheila L. Bradshaw, Operations Supervisor of the Record and Data Section upon her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

#### **HONORING SHEILA BRADSHAW - RETIREMENT**

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-202

ORDINANCE: 23-202

Honoring Sheila L. Bradshaw, Operations Supervisor of the Record and Data Section upon her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-202 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? Comments? Mr. Scott.

*DISCUSSION:*

**PHIL SCOTT:** Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-202 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 23-202. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport Bill 23-203.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-203 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 23-203

**AMY YOCKEY:** Approving a reappointment by the Mayor to the Richland Public Health Board

**REAPPOINTMENT – RICHLAND PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-203

ORDINANCE: 23-203

Approving a reappointment by the Mayor to the Richland Public Health Board

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-203 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:** Question? Mr. Davenport.

*DISCUSSION:*

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 23-203 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 23-203. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Diaz. Bill 23-204.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-204 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 23-204.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Vacating a portion of an unnamed alley between Glessner Avenue and Spruce Street, and between Lot Nos. 1558 and 1559, and retaining the utility rights and easements therein, and declaring an emergency.

**VACATING – BETWEEN GLESSNER AND SPRUCE STREET**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-204

ORDINANCE: 23-204

Vacating a portion of an unnamed alley between Glessner Avenue and Spruce Street, and between Lot Nos. 1558 and 1559, and retaining the utility rights and easements therein, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-204 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? Comments? Mr. Diaz.

**DISCUSSION:**

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-204 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded. Please cast your vote Bill 23-204. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier Bill 23-205.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 23-205 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 23-205.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (78 South Foster 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.

### **FIRST RESPONDERS SAFETY AND TRAINING CENTER**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-205

ORDINANCE: 23-205

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (78 South Foster 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 23-205 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:** Question? Mrs. Meier.

### **DISCUSSION:**

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 23-205 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Meier Bill 23-206.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 23-206 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 23-206.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (125-127 Home 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.

**DEMOLITION – 125-127 HOME AVENUE**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-206

ORDINANCE: 23-206

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (125-127 Home 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 23-206 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:** Question? Mrs. Meier.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 23-206 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier Bill 23-207.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 23-207 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 23-207.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Declaring the remains of a designated commercial structure (321 Newman 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.

**DEMOLITION – 321 NEWMAN STREET**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-207

ORDINANCE: 23-207



Declaring the remains of a designated commercial structure (321 Newman 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 23-207 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:** Question? Mrs. Meier.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 23-207 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier, Bill 23-208.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 23-208 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 23-208.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (332 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.

**DEMOLITION – 332 REED STREET**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-208

ORDINANCE: 23-208

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (332 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 23-208 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:** Question? Mrs. Meier.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 23-208 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Meier Bill 23-209.

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 23-209 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 23-209.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (335 Newman 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.

**DEMOLITION – 335 NEWMAN STREET**

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #23-209

ORDINANCE: 23-209

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (335 Newman 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 23-209 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:** Question? Mrs. Meier.

**DISCUSSION:**

**CHERYL MEIER:** Thank you Sir. I move Bill 23-209 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport Bill 23-210.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-210 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 23-210.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing payment to Madison Township in the amount of nineteen thousand, eight hundred twenty and 30/100 dollars (\$19,820.30) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

**MADISON TOWNSHIP - THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-210

ORDINANCE: 23-210

Authorizing payment to Madison Township in the amount of nineteen thousand, eight hundred twenty and 30/100 dollars (\$19,820.30) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-210 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:** Question? Mr. Davenport.

**DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-210 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, Bill 23-211.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-211 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 23-211.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing payment to Quality Masonry Company, Inc. in the amount of thirty-seven thousand, one hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$37,100.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

**PAYMENT TO QUALITY MASONRY COMPANY**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-211

ORDINANCE: 23-211

Authorizing payment to Quality Masonry Company, Inc. in the amount of thirty-seven thousand, one hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$37,100.00) by affirming a Then and Now Certificate of the Finance Director, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-211 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? Mr. Davenport.

**DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-211 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Scott 23-212.

**PHIL SCOTT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-212 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 23-212.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Appropriating the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$375,000.00) from the unappropriated Safety Services Fund (#214) for the purpose of funding payroll expenses for the remainder of 2023, and declaring an emergency.

**UNAPPROPRIATED SAFETY SERVICES FUND**

BY: MR. SCOTT

BILL #23-212

ORDINANCE: 23-212

Appropriating the sum of three hundred seventy-five thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$375,000.00) from the unappropriated Safety Services Fund (#214) for the purpose of funding payroll expenses for the remainder of 2023, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Scott that Bill 23-212 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:** Question? Mr. Scott.

**DISCUSSION:**

**PHIL SCOTT:** Yes, Mr. President. I move Bill 23-212 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Diaz Bill 23-213.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-213 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 23-213.

**AMY YOCKEY:** ODOT - Bridge overlays on State Rt 13

**ODOT – STATE RT 13**

**BY: MR. DIAZ**

**BILL #23-213**

**ORDINANCE: 23-213**

**ODOT - Bridge overlays on State Rt 13**

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-213 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? Mr. Diaz.

**DISCUSSION:**

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-213 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport, Bill 23-214.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-214 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 23-214.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of seven hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$750,000.00) for the Main Street Upgrade Project and Improvements to the Vasbinder Fountain.

#### **GRANT – RICHLAND COUNTY FOUNDATION**

**BY: MR. DAVENPORT**

**BILL #23-214**

**ORDINANCE: 23-214**

Authorizing the Public Works Director to accept a grant from the Richland County Foundation in the aggregate amount of seven hundred fifty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$750,000.00) for the Main Street Upgrade Project and Improvements to the Vasbinder Fountain.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-214 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:** Question? Mr. Davenport.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-214 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Diaz, Bill 23-215

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-215 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 23-215.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 719.04 declaring the City's intention to appropriate easement interests in certain real property for the purpose of completing public streetscape improvements, and to promote the public health and welfare.

### **COMPLETING PUBLIC STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS**

**BY: MR. DIAZ**

**BILL #23-215**

**ORDINANCE: 23-215**

Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 719.04 declaring the City's intention to appropriate easement interests in certain real property for the purpose of completing public streetscape improvements, and to promote the public health and welfare.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-215 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:** Question? Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** No question, but just a quick comment. I wanted to thank the Overlands and Engineer Bianchi for getting together today and having some conversation about it and coming to an agreement on it. And thanks for letting me be of help.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Anyone else? Mr. Diaz.

### **DISCUSSION:**

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-215 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Diaz Bill 23-216.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-216 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 23-216.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract for the replacement of the traffic signal at the Marion, Maple and Sherman intersection.

**TRAFFIC SIGNAL**

BY: MR. DIAZ

BILL #23-216

ORDINANCE: 23-216

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract for the replacement of the traffic signal at the Marion, Maple and Sherman intersection.

Upon motion by Mr. Diaz that Bill 23-216 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:** Question? Mr. Diaz.

**DISCUSSION:**

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-216 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mrs. Burns Bill 23-217.

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-217 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 23-217.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for the design, inspection and construction of GMP-3 to construct improvements to the City's Water Treatment plant, and declaring an emergency.



**CONTRACT - GMP-3**

BY: MRS. BURNS

BILL #23-217

ORDINANCE: 23-217

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for the design, inspection and construction of GMP-3 to construct improvements to the City's Water Treatment plant, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Burns that Bill 23-217 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:** Question? Mrs. Burns.

**DISCUSSION:**

**LAURA BURNS:** Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 23-217 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Mr. Davenport 23-218.

**ALOMAR DAVENPORT:** Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 23-218 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 23-218.

**AMY YOCKEY:** Amending Section 195.02(a) of Chapter 195 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances (Transient Occupancy Tax) to extend and reallocate the tax through December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

**TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX**

BY: MR. DAVENPORT

BILL #23-218

ORDINANCE: 23-218

Amending Section 195.02(a) of Chapter 195 of the Mansfield Codified Ordinances (Transient Occupancy Tax) to extend and reallocate the tax through December 31, 2026, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Davenport that Bill 23-218 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 23-218 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Second.

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** It's been moved and seconded to vote. Passes 8-0.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

**CLOSING COMMENTS:**

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Is there anything else to bring before council this evening? Hearing nothing, Mrs. Zader.

**STEPHANIE ZADER:** Just a quick comment before I make the motion. The East Arch and Bowers Avenue thing. Codes is aware, the work order has been sent over to Sewer & Repair to be cleaned up. They are in the middle of leaf pickup. They have it on their agenda to take care of. And with that, I will make a motion to close.

**AURELIO DIAZ:** Second

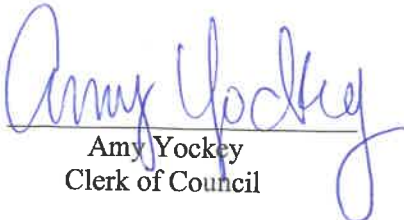
**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Have a motion and a second to close. Those in favor of closing say aye.

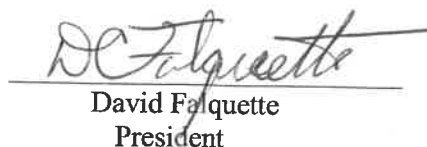
**COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Aye

**PRESIDENT FALQUETTE:** Anyone oppose. None? It passes, 8:32pm. City council is closed. Thank you for your patience this evening.

*END OF DISCUSSION*

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

  
Amy Yockey  
Clerk of Council

  
David Falquette  
President