

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 3rd, 2024

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on
Tuesday, September 3rd, 2024 at **7:54pm** 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: Meier, Akuchie, Daley, Diaz, Mount, Zader, Falquette, and Scott. *{Excused Absence – Burns (Passed 7-0)}*

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, that concludes public comments. We shall now proceed with legislation. Mr. Akuchie.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (Upcoming Events)

AURELIO DIAZ: I don't have a lot here. Just some things for the next week or so. Tomorrow, Richland Source is hosting 'Tomorrow's Talent' take-a-ways and talk backs. It's going to be at North Central State College, Keyhole Center beginning at 5:30pm. This Friday at Third Cup of Tea, they're having Cup of Art, which is going to feature live painting and poetry. Next Thursday, Rich Young Professionals is hosting Why We Chose Richland Panel. That will be at Reidl Hall Ocean Mansfield at 4:00pm. As I mentioned at the last council meeting, September 14th, which is a Saturday, is going to be the Annual North Central Ohio Walk, to end Alzheimer's walk. They're going to be convening at Richland Carousel that morning at 9:00am. They do really encourage individual walkers or teams. And finally, this is kind of a city thing too, so hopefully I'm not taking anyone's thunder or it was mentioned before. But next Saturday, the 14th, Richland County Historical Society is hosting something really cool. It's the Vasbinder, a fountain to vasbinder memorial history walk. This is actually going to be led by our Senior Project Planner, Blair McClenathan, who you guys know really well. They're meeting at the fountain next Saturday at 10:00am for a walk of history and talk. And, that concludes some updates.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: And with that, we shall go around the line. Director Blankenship?

DIRECTOR KELLY BLANKENSHIP: Nothing further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mayor Perry.

MAYOR JODIE PERRY: I just want to add really quick. Before I came tonight, I was at the Men's Garden Club for their annual awards. The Jim Coolidge Award, Community Champion Award went to Doug Versaw, former City Councilman. Very involved in all of the beautification efforts downtown. So, if you see Doug, please say congratulations to him. There was also a whole list of winners, a lot of them, citizens, some businesses who've done a good job taking care of their properties this year. So, just wanna say thanks to everyone because those little things also make a difference in addition to the work that we're doing at the city. I would actually argue, those things are more important, because there's many more residences. So, I just wanted to say thanks to everyone and congrats to Doug.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Thank you. Director Andres.

DIRECTOR LOUIE ANDRES: Nothing further.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Porch?

DIRECTOR KEITH PORCH: Nothing further Sir.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Director Harper.

DIRECTOR ROELIFF HARPER: Nothing further.

LATE BILLS

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Thanks Mr. President. I move with respect to **Bills 24-170 and 24-171** that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 pm be suspended and that **Bills 24-170 and 24-171** be allowed on the floor this evening.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Both these bills, are on hold? Yes, so neither one's coming to the floor tonight, true?

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: True.

DAVID FALQUETTE: So, this is a moot point.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: True.

STEPHANIE ZADER: So, we can withdraw the motion, if you'd like.

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: Withdraw the motion.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: With that, Mr. Akuchie.

SUSPEND RULES

ELEAZER AKUCHIE: 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 voice vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 0

LEGISLATION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-162.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move with respect to Bill 24-162 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-162.

DELAINÉ WEINER: Appointing a new member to the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency.

APPOINTING – POLICE REVIEW COMMISSION

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-162

ORDINANCE: 24-163

Appointing a new member to the Police Review and Community-Police Relations Commission, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-162 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Ms. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 24-162? Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Thank you Mr. President. I'm so glad we found someone for this. It's been a, you wouldn't think that, you know I thought that anyone would jump on this opportunity beginning in '2022. And, I am very pleased that Mrs. Barretta agreed to do this. I even reached out to former Councilman Lawrence. You know, it's a commitment. I think that, you know, I'm glad this seat is going to be filled. And, I'm glad we have Tammy over there, keeping us all in check. And just breathing new life into this commission. I can't wait for you all to meet Mrs. Barretta.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other discussion on Bill 24-162? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-162 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-162. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Falquette, Bill 24-163.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-163 be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk shall read Bill 24-163.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$7,500.00) from the Richland Veteran Mentor Program Inc. to promote and benefit the Mansfield Municipal Court Veterans Docket.

DONATION – RICHLAND VETERAN MENTOR PROGRAM INC.

BY: MR. FALQUETTE

BILL #24-163

ORDINANCE: 24-164

Authorizing the Safety Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation of Seven Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$7,500.00) from the Richland Veteran Mentor Program Inc. to promote and benefit the Mansfield Municipal Court Veterans Docket.

Upon motion by Mr. Falquette that Bill 24-163 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 24-163? Hearing none, Mr. Falquette.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-163 be place upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It has been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-163. Bill passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-164, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-164 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-164.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Donald Nunley in the amount of thirty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

DONATION – NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-164

ORDINANCE: 24-165

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Donald Nunley in the amount of thirty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 24-164 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays:0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any discussion on Bill 24-164? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Sir. I move that Bill 24-164 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-164. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-165, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-165 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-165.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Herscine Adkison in the amount of thirty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

DONATION – ADKISON/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-165

ORDINANCE: 24-166

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Herscine Adkison in the amount of thirty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$35.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 24-165 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays:0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-165? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Sir. I move that Bill 24-165 be placed upon the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-165. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Bill 24-166, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-166 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been regularly moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-166.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Deborah Mount in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$385.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

DONATION – MOUNT/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SIGNS

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-166

ORDINANCE: 24-167

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to accept and appropriate a donation from Deborah Mount in the amount of Three Hundred Eighty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$385.00) to purchase neighborhood watch signs installed by the Streets Department.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier, that Bill 24-166 be read and placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mrs. Zader The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays:0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-166? Miss Mount?

DEBORAH MOUNT: Just a quick question. I checked with the Law Director to see if I needed to abstain from this. He didn't think so, but if any of my colleagues think I should, I don't mind doing it.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mr. Diaz.

AURELIO DIAZ: Just a thank you to Councilwoman Mount. We know she has been a huge pillar in her neighborhood, in her ward forever. Just her heart, just for everything she does I want to thank her for this.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any further discussion on Bill 24-166? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier?

CHERYL MEIER: Thanks Sir. I move that Bill 24-166 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Council shall cast their vote for final passage of Bill 24-166. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 24-167.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-167 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-167.

DELAINE WEINER: Amending Ordinance #24-157 to reflect the correct account number and classification. Appropriating Twelve Thousand Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,078.00) from the unappropriated Capital Equipment Fund (#422) to the Clearfork Operations (422.36.01) Capital Outlay Classification to purchase new equipment.

CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-167

ORDINANCE: 24-168

Amending Ordinance #24-157 to reflect the correct account number and classification. Appropriating Twelve Thousand Seventy-Eight and 00/100 Dollars (\$12,078.00) from the unappropriated Capital Equipment Fund (#422) to the Clearfork Operations (422.36.01) Capital Outlay Classification to purchase new equipment.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-167 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-167? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DISCUSSION:

DEBORAH MOUNT: Mr. President, thank you. I move that Bill 24-167 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-167 for final passage. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Miss Mount, Bill 24-169.

DEBORAH MOUNT: Thank you Mr. President. I move that Bill 24-169 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-169.

DELAINE WEINER: Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the disposal and land application of wastewater sludge and declaring an emergency.

BIDS – WASTEWATER SLUDGE

BY: MISS MOUNT

BILL #24-169

ORDINANCE: 24-169

Authorizing the Public Works Director to advertise for bids and enter into a contract or contracts for the disposal and land application of wastewater sludge and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Miss Mount that Bill 24-169 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-169? Hearing none, Miss Mount.

DISCUSSION:

DEBORAH MOUNT: Mr. President, thank you. I move that Bill 24-169 be placed upon the floor for final consideration.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-169 for final passage. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Mrs. Meier, Bill 24-172.

CHERYL MEIER Thank you Sir. I move that Bill 24-172 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Mr. President? Point of order. Bill 24-170, the date of passage was amended (09/18/2024). But its 1st read is still tonight in council.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok.

DEBORAH MOUNT: But I believe we would have to then reinstate the suspension of the rules to allow it on the floor even it was just for a reading, right?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Yeah, that would be correct. Because we need to suspend the rules because it was late. Which, I didn't catch when that was said earlier in the meeting, but I did just catch now, so I apologize.

DAVID FALQUETTE: And, I apologize too.

STEPHANIE ZADER: So, I can make the motion to suspend the rules regarding Bill 24-170 and allow it on the floor for 1st read tonight.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Ok, it's been moved and seconded that we suspend the rules to allow Bill 24-170 to be on the floor for the 1st read. Council shall cast their vote on the motion. Motion passes 7-0. So, we will have a 1st read on Bill 24-170.

STEPHANIE ZADER: I haven't made the motion yet. Thank you, Mr. President. I move with respect to Bill 24-170 that it be read and placed on the floor for discussion.

AURELIO DIAZ: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Now, it's been moved and seconded. The clerk shall read Bill 24-170 for its 1st read.

DELAINE WEINER: Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

REVISING – CODIFIED ORDINANCE (REPLACEMENT PAGES)

BY: Mrs. Zader
BILL #24-170

ORDINANCE: 24-170

Revising the Codified Ordinances of the City of Mansfield by adopting current replacement pages, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Zader that Bill 24-169 be read and placed upon the floor for 1st Read, seconded by Mr. Diaz. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7 Nays: 0

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any discussion on Bill 24-170? Ms. Zader.

DISCUSSION:

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just because Councilman Diaz was not here, I wanted to give a quick update on what the reason is for that. Under the general fence codes, we're unsure why those were added in there. This is the ordinances that our clerks generally submit to accept the updated ordinances from Walter Drain who keeps our ordinances. But, those two were not ones that our clerks were familiar with. So, we are waiting an answer from the Law Directors office why those were added in there and if they need to stay.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Any other discussion on Bill 24-170? *(This is the 1st Read)*

END OF DISCUSSION

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Okay, now moving on to Bill 24-172. Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President I move that Bill 24-172 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. The clerk will now read Bill 24-172.

DELAINE WEINER: Accept and appropriate a Safety Intervention Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) in the amount of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 00/100 (\$31,465.00) for extrication equipment and declaring an emergency.

GRANT – FROM BWC FOR EXTRICATION

BY: MRS. MEIER

BILL #24-172

ORDINANCE: 24-171

Accept and appropriate a Safety Intervention Grant from the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) in the amount of Thirty-One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Five and 00/100 (\$31,465.00) for extrication equipment and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mrs. Meier that Bill 24-172 be read and placed upon the floor for final consideration, seconded by Mrs. Zader. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes:7 Nays: 0

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

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Is there any further discussion on Bill 24-172? Hearing none, Mrs. Meier.

CHERYL MEIER: Thank you Mr. President. I move Bill 24-172 be placed on the floor for final passage.

STEPHANIE ZADER: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. Council shall cast their vote for Bill 24-172. Bill Passes 7-0.

END OF DISCUSSION

CLOSING COMMENTS:

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: I do believe that concludes legislation. Is there anything else to come before council this evening? Ms. Zader?

STEPHANIE ZADER: Just a quick comment regarding the ARPA mentioned by the Mayor earlier, as I will not be here when yall make those decisions, but I was a big part of the discussion previously. And, I think I previously mentioned to you that I do agree with putting the money into the North End because that is where it was allocated and the updates and things that we have been doing to the parks have received a huge warm welcome from the community. So, I want to advocate for that. And, a couple of the projects that I think... I've had a lot of conversation and this may not be high on other people's things, but the drenching of those ponds if that can be done. And it's a cleanliness thing. I was down at North Lake Park today, and all of that green disgustingness there isn't very slightly, but is also gross. And yes, I have had conversation with Director Andres about this, and he's probably tired of hearing it. But, I do think that would be great to see that money go into the parks and see some big projects done there. I do think there is also probably projects that we could do throughout the city on the North End that would also be beneficial, but I was excited to hear that the parks were on that list. Thank you. And with that, of no one else has anything, MOVE TO CLOSE.

DAVID FALQUETTE: Second.

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: It's been moved and seconded. We adjourn. All in favor, signify by saying aye.

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Aye

PRESIDENT PHIL SCOTT: Great, **8:16pm** council is now closed. We are adjourned.

END OF DISCUSSION

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mrs. Zader, seconded by Mr. Falquette, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at **8:16pm**.

Delaine Weiner
Clerk of Council

Phil Scott
President