

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING March 5th, 2019

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 at 8:10 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilman Lawrence led the audience in prayer.

ROLL CALL: The following answered present at roll call: Falquette, Rock, Van Harlingen, Jefferson, Lawrence, Taddie, Bryant, Mears and Scott.

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

PRESIDENT SCOTT: Are there any Committee Reports? None.

VISITORS:

Isaac David:
SALT Project

Thank you so much for having me. Uh, guys, uh, I developed the program called SALT: Student Achievement Leadership Training Program, uh, it's a program that works with young people in our city from 16-19. We educate them about work readiness, uh, we uh, we work, also work with the city, in the city, and uh, the young people are in check. Uh, the program is expanding uh, where we're seeking to work to work with the city to we can grow the program uh to allow more than what we're working with now. As of right now we work with about 15 young people; um every summer we've expanded to about 6 months this year from 8 weeks, uh, work with everybody from the Park's department, uh codes and permits uh, this year, uh, excuse me, uh as of 2018 we've worked with uh the Land Bank uh, we try to alleviate blight in our city, uh educate our young people really about the work process uh the soft skills it takes to to get to get a employed to stay gainfully employed and uh I'm really looking uh towards the city to uh really help us grow grow our program um we're hoping with the assistance of the city we can maybe touch about 140 uh young people this year. Uh our success rate is very high, uh, we're we're a little little above 95% as of right now. Uh. All our people who graduate that are participants in our program we try to align with our apprenticeship programs here here within the city from everything from uh the local twelve sixteen uh steel workers the IBW uh we're really tyin' to educate our young people about the work process how it is to ta be gainfully employed the skills needed the skills needed to stay gainfully employed were really uh lookin' for hel..for work...for help to with the city. Um Thank you for your time. I have some um some information I would love to to leave with you guys to really inform you a little more about um intricately more what the program does and how it really affects our lives, our young people lives here within the city. Thank you for your time.

MONDAY DEADLINE

MS. TADDIE: I move with respect to Bill 19-043 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by 4 PM on Monday be suspended and that Bill 19-043 be allowed on the floor this evening, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed by voice vote

SUSPEND RULES

MS. TADDIE: I move with respect to all bills that come before Council tonight that the rule requiring reading on three different days be suspended and that each bill be read one time by title only, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

LEGISLATION

NORTH LAKE PARK DRY DAM

BY: LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-032 2nd Read

BILL 19-025

Authorizing the Public Works Director to enter into a contract or contracts for engineering services relating to the construction of a regional detention basin, known as the North Lake Park Dry Dam over Touby's Run, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

Mr. Bryant:

Mr. President, I'm not sure, but are there usually costs included or an estimate included in the...legislation like this?

President Scott:

Referred to Administration or Law Director

Spon: In Audible

Mayor Theaker:

...we are negotiating...to look into.. Inaudible

President Scott:
Mr. Van Harlingen

Mr. Van Harlingen:

Thank you Mr. President. I, uh, know that Mr. Bianchi's already kind of answered some our questions when we were talking this evening, here, oh, about the sewer and uh, what have ya; I'm kinda anxious to hear what the administration and Mr. Mr. Bianchi comes up with on this water meter system replacement project. Talking about cost, time-lines, uh, construction, revenue...what have ya. Thee, as we were told tonight, in the finance committee meeting, we've already dropped, the finance director, dropped the estimated revenue one point six million, in our , in our water funds. The meter project, obviously, reads off of the water meters and then thee, uh, sewer costs are then calculated off a that. So I'm I'm really lookin' forward to a, This is kinda takin' a different twist from where we started here back in 2015 si I'm hoping that the chair, public utilities, and maybe finance, we can, uh, I know that Mr. Bianchi's talking about a committee meeting next uh, council meeting, so I look forward to uh, maybe we can get some more answers on this project.

President Scott:
Any other Questions, Comments?

None:

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-025 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

Bill 19-025 was read for the 2nd time.

HONOR – NETTIE R. BALLARD UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM MPD

BY: MR. BRYANT

ORDINANCE 19-036

BILL 19-036

Honoring Police Aide Nettie R. Ballard upon her retirement from the Mansfield Division of Police.

Assistant Police Chief Porch:

So, Ladies and Gentleman of a Council, I just want to report to you that, obviously, uh, it's a huge loss to the police department, she has been an absolute asset to us, she was the face of the Police Department and some members of council showed up for her retirement; the place was packed and

it was something to behold. So uh we, uh definitely, the Chief and myself are sad to see her go, but we wish her the best and on your retirement, congratulations.

Audience applause.

President Scott:

Do you have anything to say Nettie?

Ms. Nettie:

I would just like to say, thank you, to, uhm, City Council, to all the head departments, my department, to uh, to Assistant Chief, Uh, the Chief that's not here, to my Friends, my church family and to all the ones who are out in the audience, to Sargent Ahles, uh, just to everyone... to Amy...um, it's just been a fantastic 30 years, uh, to work with so many wonderful people. To my Union President Mapes, I am just, I'm just ecstatic. I think I'm out of tears. I've been pretty much crying for seven days. I wake up and I cry, no reason why I'm cry, just two three o'clock in the morning and I'm crying, I am truly, truly honored and blessed to see all you all, the fire department, I know everybody faces and I, Mr. Bishop... I love you all and I continue to uh, keep you in prayer and continue to uphold our city and our citizens, our law enforcement as a whole, we all need one another, so I thank you, I thank you, I thank you, and God bless you.

President Scott:

As costmary, does any Council have anything to say? Did I see a hand there Mr. Bryant?

Mr. Bryant: Yeah, I just want to say thank you for your service to the city of Mansfield, uh, speaking to her character, she is well loved, she loves the community here. When my Mom was battling cancer and going through chemo she personally made an effort to come over and pray for her and the family several times, so I'm very appreciative to you. Thank you for everything.

President Scott:

Anyone else?

Mr. Lawrence:

Nettie do you remember when we worked together, back in 1989? That was a long time ago. (Audience Laughs) I was a young boy then. Very, very young! Fresh outta high school. So thank you for everything you've done. Personally for me and the city. God bless you and you are blessed. Thank you.

President Scott:

Anyone else? Mr. Van Harlingen.

Mr. Van Harlingen:

I, I said it before at Netti's Retirement here at City Hall and I'd like to say it again, um, she was truly an ambassador to the, to the city Mansfield and to the citizens who would come in to see her, and way so often the people that came in and had contact with city with Nettie, they were not here

because there were happy, warm, and fuzzy, they were upset and Miss Netti always had a way of talkin and dealin with people she was truly an ambassador to the city and we all will miss you, Netti. Thank you for your time.

President Scott:

Anyone else?

Ms. Taddie:

I'd like to second that. Even though I didn't get to come to your desk, in the past, I can just feel by all the love that is shared to you and how you must have made a huge difference to those folks that came. Maybe they were upset, maybe they were crying, maybe they were lost, and I I thank you for taking care of them and the people of our Community and for being such a good partner on the team.

President Scott:

Anyone else?

I'll just close with saying thank you, thank you, thank you, for your years of service, and hope you have many, many, many good years of retirement. So, thank you.

Ms. Taddie:

Definitely. Thank you.

President Scott:

With that...

Upon motion by Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-036 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

DEMO – 112 CHESTER AVE

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-037

BILL 19-037

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (112 Chester 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 Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-037 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

DEMO – 212 SOUTH FOSTER ST

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-038

BILL 19-038

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (212 S. Foster) 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 Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-038 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

DEMO – 266 W. FOURTH ST

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-039

BILL 19-039

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (266 W. Foster) 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 Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-039 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

DEMO – 274 SUPERIOR AVENUE

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-040

BILL 19-040

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (274 Superior Ave) 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 Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-040 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

DEMO – 400 W. FOURTH ST

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 19-041

BILL 19-041

Declaring the remains of a designated dwelling (400 W. Fourth St) 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 Mr. Lawrence that Bill 19-041 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

LEASE/PURCHASE NEW LADDER TRUCK

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 19-042

BILL 19-042

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a lease/purchase agreement with Finley Fire Equipment for a new ladder truck, and declaring an emergency.

Discussion:

President Scott:

Chair recognizes Mr. Van Harlingen

Mr. Van Harlingen:

Just once again Mr. President, a quick comment. At a time after we've, since we've gone through this budget hearings and were looking at general funds, safety services, and what have ya, I would like to take this time to encourage the administration, and it's just not the fire department; I'm thinking other divisions that may have, "well, we'd like to have a back-up this or double that or what have you", I'm sitting here thinking, that on a, especially on a piece of equipment like this, that cannot be very... in-expensive piece of equipment to maintain and keep on in service ready to go. Just tires and oil, just the general stuff, So, I'd just like to encourage the administration to re-evaluate just, just exactly what do we need to keep in our inventory to that we need to keep our Citizens safe.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-042 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

CONTRACT – FOR LIBERTY POOL WITH YMCA

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 19-043

BILL 19-043

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a contract between the City of Mansfield and the Mansfield Area Y to provide, through a public/private partnership, summer aquatic recreation to the residents of Mansfield at Liberty pool, and declaring an emergency

Discussion:

President Scott:

Recognizes Mr. Bryant

Mr. Bryant:

Mr. President I would make a note that we entering into a contract and cost is listed. Same question I had earlier. That's all I had.

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 19-043 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 7, Nays: 1 -= Falquette.

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

ODOT – RESURFACING ON IR 71 IN CITY OF MANSFIELD

BY: MR. JEFFERSON

ORDINANCE 19-044

BILL 19-044

ODOT - resurfacing on IR 71 through the City of Mansfield

Upon motion by Mr. Jefferson that Bill 19-044 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. 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.

FUNDING - \$60,000 FROM OH OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 19-045

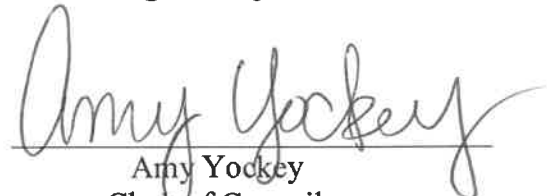
BILL 19-045

Authorizing the Mayor and Safety-Service Director to accept funding from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services under a 2018 Subgrant in the amount of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be used for a portion of the cost of a Family Violence Liaison Officer, and declaring an emergency.

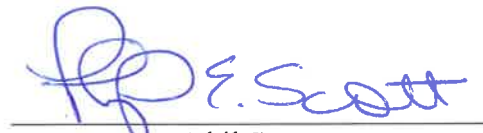
Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 19-045 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Rock. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0.

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

ADJOURN: Upon motion by Mr. Falquette, seconded by Mr. Rock, and passed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned.



Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council



Phil Scott
President