

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTBER 3, 2017

The first monthly meeting of Mansfield City Council met on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at 7:30 PM in the Council Chambers of the City Building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the audience.

Councilwoman Garnetta Pender led the audience in prayer.

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

There being no objections, the reading of the Journal and Communications were dispensed with.

HR DIRECTOR REMY: It is time, once again, to do entry level Civil Service exams for Safety forces, both police and fire. We've got those set up for Dec 9. They will be given at the Fire Museum, which is the location we used last time and it works out very well. Applications will begin to be taken Oct 30 and the closing date for applications will be Nov 17. It will be posted on the City website tomorrow for both police brochures and information about police and fire and again, Civil Service, HR facilitates the testing but it's really put on by Civil Service and we do a private testing service and use a private testing company that we've used, probably, the last 10 years or so. Again, they will be Dec 9, the police exam will be in the morning on that date, that's a Saturday, and the fire exam will be in the afternoon. If you know of anyone who is interested in taking the entry level exam for the City police dept. or the City fire dept., please encourage them to go on the website and look at the information that's there. Again, we will not begin taking applications until Oct 30 and we'll close them on Nov 17. Any questions anyone might have? To complete the circle here, in the past, whenever we've done safety recruiting, we've utilized recruiting committee or a recruitment committee. A recruitment Committee is comprised of the City Administration and members of the Police Dept. and the Fire Dept. along with membership from the NAACP and sometimes Ministerial Assoc. There is a meeting of that Recruitment Committee tomorrow morning on the 9th floor conference room. Any Councilman that wishes to come to that meeting to see what we talk about and in reality, what we discuss, is methods and means of getting out to the public in the most efficient manner possible, information about the exams. How do we do that? And go over what we've done in the past and if there's anything new, that, new approaches and new avenues. I think both police and fire have utilized association websites to do some advertising and put it out there also. You take the test, you have to score a certain value on the test to move on to the physical agility part and then you have to pass the physical agility part in both police and fire and then be put on a list and once you get on that list, that list is good for a period of 2 years or until it is exhausted. Right now, we have exhausted the police list, we still have an active fire list, but it's due to expire in February, so we're just going to do both tests right now and get it out of the way and move on. So anybody that takes this test in Nov of this year, and gets

through the process and pass all the physical parts of it and the written part of it, will be on an eligibility list through 2019, basically what it amounts to. Any questions?

MR. LAWRENCE: Are there requirements to take the test?

MR. REMY: The requirements to take the test?

MR. LAWRENCE: Age.

MR. REMY: Age requirements? I'm sorry. For Fire, we've changed the age requirements. For Police you have to be at least 21 years of age and it can be no more than 40 at the time you take the test. For Fire, it's 18 and 31 to take the test. 33 to get on the department. The only residency requirement that there is, for the Police Dept there is no residency requirement, for the Fire Dept. there is a residency requirement and that is, you must live in Richland County or move to move to Richland County within 18 months of getting on the dept and live in Richland County or one of the counties that abuts Richland County, contiguous county. But there is no residency requirements for police officers or police candidates. There are other requirements such as qualifications in addition to age. You also get credit, a certain amount of credit, if you're a resident, you get a certain amount of credit if you have a college degree, whether it's an Associate Degree or whether it's a Bachelor's Degree, you get extra credit if you're a Veteran, you get credit. That's all tacked on to the score, the raw, written score. You don't get credit up front for it, you get credit on the back end of it. There's a \$20 application fee. That \$20 application fee covers exactly what that test costs us. The cost to buy the test is \$20 and so we charge \$20 for the test.

MRS. PENDER: What time is the meeting tomorrow?

MR. REMY: The meeting tomorrow is 10:00 in the 9th floor conference room.

MR. BRYANT: Are you allowing online submission of the application?

MR. REMY: No. We do not do that. They have to either deliver it in person or deliver it by mail. Postmarked and dated by Nov 17. We do that because it's easier to track, we have to keep statistics, we keep statistics and everything and we have it in hand and it doesn't get lost in cyberspace somewhere. They can obtain the application, we won't even put the application on, well we did last time. We did put it on and make it available, but they have to turn it in, in hard copy form. Of those who do not know where the Fire Museum is, it's on 4th St. between the vacant car wash and Graham's. It's located in that area, somewhere. It's really where the vacant gas station at the corner of Wimbledon and 4th St. and it used to be, it originally was Five Cousins. Thank you.

MR. BRYANT: Can we, maybe, get a little more update on Council Chambers.

MAYOR THEAKER: They found mold and they just have to test it to see what type it is and as soon as the results come back from the labs then we will be able to determine the course of action.

MR. BRYANT: As far as clean up?

MAYOR THEAKER: Clean up, tear up, whatever.

MR. LAWRENCE: I'm with Mr. Bryant. The hallway is not adequate. The next one, I know, is in 2 weeks.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: I don't think any of us are happy about being here.

CLERK YOCKEY: We can move down to the Courts but it's a secured floor and I don't know how to get that open to the public.

SSD COPE: They didn't say they would allow us to do it but again, opening it to the public was the problem.

CLERK YOCKEY: My understanding was we'd have to bring in security.

SSD COPE: Yes, to keep them from going back.

MAYOR THEAKER: It's all safety issues. I'm sure you don't want to go in there and breathe the mold.

CLERK YOCKEY: The only reason I moved it out here is so it could be easily accessible to the public, I guess was my concern.

MR. BRYANT: I wasn't blaming you Amy.

CLERK YOCKEY: I know. I just didn't know where else to put it where people could easily find us.

PRESIDENT SCOTT: As much as none of us really like it here, I think we're pretty much stuck here until we get this matter resolved and hopefully that's sooner than later, but at this point in time it is what it is.

MR. LAWRENCE: I just thought, with all the city properties we had (inaudible).

MONDAY DEADLINE

MR. HILL: I move with respect to Bill 17-187 that the rule requiring legislation be submitted by Monday at 4:00 be suspended and that Bill 17-187 be allowed on the floor tonight, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed by voice vote.

SUSPEND RULES

MR. HILL: 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

DEMO – 295 BULKLEY AVE

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 17-170

Declaring the remains of a designed dwelling (295 Bulkley Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and unsafe 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 17-173 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

DEMO – 184-186 W FOURTH ST

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 17-171

Declaring the remains of a designed dwelling (184-186 West Fourth Street) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and unsafe 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 17-174 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

DEMO – 1080 PAWNEEE AVE

BY: MR. LAWRENCE

ORDINANCE 17-172

Declaring the remains of a designed dwelling (1080 Pawnee Avenue) to be insecure, unsafe, structurally defective and unsafe 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 17-175 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

UNION OF CITY HEALTH & RIC. CO. GENERAL HEALTH DIST. – 1ST READ

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-173

Continuing the union of the City Health District and the Richland County General Health District in accordance with Ordinance 86-201 and extinguishing and interest of the City of Mansfield in the building or structure located at 555 Lexington Avenue, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-176 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Rock. The bill was given its first reading.

AUTH SSD PURCHASE 2017 FORD F-450 SERVICE TRUCK FOR WATER REPAIR

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-174

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase, without competitive bidding, from Valley Ford Truck, Inc., a 2017 Ford F-450 service truck, for the Water Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-177 be read and placed upon the floor for discussion, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The bill was placed upon the floor for final passage, seconded by Mr. Jefferson. The vote was taken and resulted as follows: Ayes: 8, Nays: 0. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

Mr. Jefferson made a motion to add the state contract number to the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed 8-0.

AUTH SSD PURCHASE BACKHOE FOR SEWER REPAIR

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-175

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase, without competitive bidding, from Akron Tractor & Equipment Inc., a New Holland backhoe, for the Sewer Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-178 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

Mr. Jefferson made motion to add the state contract number to the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed 8-0.

AUTH SSD PURCHASE PICKUP TRUCKS FOR WATER REPAIR

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-176

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to purchase, without competitive bidding, from Bob Ross Auto Group, four (4) GMC pickup trucks, for the Water Repair Department, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-179 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

Mr. Jefferson made motion to add the state contract number to the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Rock and passed 8-0.

AUTH SSD TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT FOR AUCTION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-177

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into an agreement with Whatman Realtors & Auctioneers for the sale of surplus City property in accordance with Mansfield Codified Ordinance Section 199.01, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-180 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

ACCEPT FUNDS FROM ATTY GENERAL OF \$87,500 FOR ORT PROJECT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-178

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Attorney General's Office in the amount of Eighty-seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$87,500) to assist with the Opiate Response Team (ORT) Project, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-181 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

ACCEPT FUNDS FROM OHIO DEPT MENTAL HEALTH FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COURT PROJECT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-179

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Domestic Violence Court Project in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to assist with the operation of the Domestic Violence Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-182 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

ACCEPT FUNDS FROM OHIO DEPT MENTAL HEALTH FOR VETERANS COURT PROJECT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-180

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Veteran's Court Project in the total amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to assist with the operation of the Veteran's Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-183 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

ACCEPT FUNDS FROM OHIO DEPT MENTAL HEALTH FOR MENTAL HEALTH COURT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-181

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Mental Health Court Project in the total amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) to assist with the operation of the Mental Health Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-184 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

ACCEPT FUNDS FROM OHIO DEPT MENTAL HEALTH FOR DRUG COURT

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-182

Authorizing the acceptance of funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services for the Drug Court Treatment Project in the total amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) to assist with the operation of the Drug Court, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-185 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

AUTH SSD ENTER AGREEMENT WITH CERTAIN POLICE OFFICERS AND ISSUE PAYMENT TO THEM

BY: MR. VAN HARLINGEN

ORDINANCE 17-183

Authorizing the Safety-Service Director to enter into a settlement agreement with certain police officers on behalf of the City and further authorizing the Finance Director to issue payment to the interested parties all pursuant to the settlement agreement, and declaring an emergency.

Upon motion by Mr. Van Harlingen that Bill 17-187 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. Ayes: Bryant, Hill, Jefferson, Lawrence, Mears, Pender, Rock and Van Harlingen.

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

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

Amy Yockey
Clerk of Council

Phillip Scott
President of Council