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CITY OF MANSFIELD**

**Tim Theaker, Mayor**

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Subject: Mansfield Levy

Mansfield, OH-- First of all, as the Mayor of Mansfield, I was disappointed that the voters of Mansfield rejected the ¼ percent income tax levy. This levy would have ensured continuing high levels of service to which Mansfielders have become accustomed. As a citizen of the City I agree, tax increases are not a desired action, however, given the reductions from the state and the additions of uncontrollable expenses the City is facing in 2013, we felt it necessary to propose a tax increase. On November 6<sup>th</sup> the voters have spoken and we are listening. However, the city's hands are tied; we cannot spend more money than the revenue projections for next year. Given the significant deficit projections, we recognize that more cuts will have to be made resulting in a reduction of services.

This morning all city elected officials met and have equally expressed concerns for our citizens. As a collaborative group we are all working together for the betterment of the City and its citizens. As Mayor, I am excited with the continued cooperation from all City elected officials, Courts, Clerk of Courts, Finance, and the Law Department. With this overwhelming support and cooperation from all officials, I am confident a budget will be forthcoming and presented to council in the near future. We are prioritizing services and reviewing their impact to the citizens. As a combined elected group of officials, we are continuing to review options of eliminating, combining, and minimizing the reduction of services as much as possible to minimize any negative affect on our citizens.

Rest assured all City officials are well aware of the concerns of our citizens. The citizens of Mansfield have spoken and have said that they do not want to pay more taxes and we are listening and acting appropriately.

