

Council Meeting January 17, 2023

Call to order at 6:30 PM by Mayor Linda Clark

Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence for Ron Lance and Nancy Scheiman

Roll Call: Steve Thorn, Nina Schroeder, Tammy Meyer, Marty Hura, Scott Weaver

❖ Scott made a motion to excuse Heather Paisley. Nina second. All ayes.

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Solicitor Michele Stuck, Chief Joe Urso, Village Administrator Greg Thomas, Fiscal Officer Maryann Fabian, Village Engineer Gene Arters (via Zoom).

Citizens present: Ryan Lind, Phil Rath, Lauren Weaver, Cory Turnbull, Miranda Brothers, Sam Paratore, Wendy Davis, Kevin Maloney, Cookie Vanek, Riley Meyer, Tom Aldrich

Mayors Report

Mayor Clark received two special event forms. One for Girls softball from 4.1.2023-7.15.2023, and the other one for the Youth Baseball and Softball from 3.8.2023-10.17.2023. Neither forms have the required insurance as it renews in March. She asked for a motion to approve both special event forms.

❖ Nina made a motion to approve both special event forms. Marty second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark mentioned that the American Legion is raising funds for two plaques; one for the cannon, and one for the stone memorial by the street, which is an actual KIA plaque. Since the Village has \$2300 left in the KIA fund, do we want to use \$500 and buy the KIA plaque that mirrors what we have out up in the cemetery?

❖ Scott made a motion to buy the plaque for \$500 for the stone memorial by the street. Tammy second. All ayes.

Mayor Clark was saddened to hear that Lauren Weaver has resigned from the Cemetery Board on 1.13.2023. There will be advertising for a new member of the Cemetery Board. Mayor Clark thanked Lauren for her service.

CT Consultants needs a work authorization for Buchert Park Phase IV for \$4442 approved. The DMRC has dropped off the funds for Buchert Park.

❖ Marty made a motion to approve the work authorization for CT Consultants. Scott second. All ayes.

Last November, Maryann brought up at the finance meeting about Charles Harris doing the footnotes for year end 2022. Finance made a motion to send to Council, but it was not brought up at the Council meeting. Mayor Clark asked for a motion to approve Charles Harris doing the footnotes for year end 2022 at the cost of \$750.

❖ Scott made a motion to approve. Tammy second. All ayes.

Citizens

Mayor Clark went around the room and asked all the citizens if they had any comments or questions. The following did.

Kevin Maloney appealed to the council to either take off the table the Ordinance 2022-04 dissolving the Mantua Village Historical Landmarks Commission to discuss it, or to vote it down. The mayor explained that she was going to ask to take it off of the table tonight to discuss.

Phil Rath said the DMRC is having an evening meeting on 1.26.2023 at 6 PM at Crooked River Flowers. On 4.1.2023 there will be a reverse raffle at Hughes Hall at St. Joseph. He inquired about when the next application for Phase V of Buchert Park would be due. The Mayor said that would be in May.

Tom Aldrich asked who to talk to about the light being out at the cemetery. The mayor said it has already been reported, and Chief Urso added that the police department has reported it over 3 times to First Energy.

Wendy Davis said she was asked by a citizen if Mariella's letter was read.

Cookie Vanek thanked Chief Urso for getting rid of the abandoned vehicle. She also asked about the status of the Franklin Street drainage project. Mayor Clark said that we should know something in May of 2023.

Mayor Clark requested a motion to go into executive session at 6:44 PM to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee.

- ❖ Tammy made the motion to go into executive session. Marty second. Roll call vote: Nina-aye, Tammy-aye, Scott-aye, Steve-aye, Marty-aye.
- ❖ Steve made a motion at 7:00 PM to come out of executive session. Roll call vote: Steve-aye, Scott-aye, Tammy-aye, Marty-aye, Nina-aye.

Mayor Clark said that she is recommending that Greg Thomas be removed from the position of Village Administrator effective immediately and asked council to approve her recommendation.

- ❖ Scott moved to remove Greg Thomas as Village Administrator effective immediately. Steve second. Roll call vote: Tammy-aye, Marty-aye, Nina-aye, Steve-aye, Scott-aye.

Mayor Clark asked Chief Urso to escort Greg out and down to Greg's office to get his personal belongings, collect all village items that Greg has and escort him off of the property. Greg responded and said that he was going to give his two weeks' notice after the meeting tonight anyway.

Financial Reports

Maryann said the financial reports had been reviewed in Finance Meeting, and summarized them for council. She asked if anyone had any questions. None were asked.

- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the financial reports. Nina second. All ayes.

Correspondence

Mayor Clark went over a letter the village received from "Next Door Village".

Approval of previous Minutes

- ❖ Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the Council Minutes from 12.20.2022. Tammy second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve the minutes from the Organizational Meeting from 1.3.2023. Marty second. All ayes.
Tammy mentioned that there has been a change since the Organizational Meeting. Marty is now the alternate for the Service Committee and Tammy is a member.

Legislation:

ORD. 2022-04 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 159 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA AND DISSOLVING THE MANTUA VILLAGE HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION. Tabled on 2nd reading.

- ❖ Tammy made a motion to take the ordinance off the table. Steve second. All ayes.

Discussion about the fact we now have two properties registered, and the Landmarks Commission does not have enough people to make a quorum.

- ❖ Tammy made a motion to postpone this ordinance indefinitely. Nina second. All ayes.

ORD. 2022-50 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE VILLAGE OF MANTUA EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK. Tabled on 2nd reading. Remained tabled. No discussion.

ORD 2023-01 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2023 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Maryann explained that \$6000 was for the additional fees to RITA relating to the 0.5% income tax increase. The \$1200 is for the portion of the Police Department voice recorder bill which the Fire District is no longer paying.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to suspend the rules. Marty second. All ayes.
- ❖ Steve made a motion to approve. Scott second. All ayes.

ORD 2023-02 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSITION OF PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to suspend the rules. Steve second. All ayes.
- ❖ Tammy made a motion to approve. Marty second. All ayes.

- ❖ Scott made a motion to advertise for a Village Administrator. Tammy second. All ayes.

RES 2022-60 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR A FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st reading. Mayor Clark asked Chief Urso to explain. He said that Sergeant Dunn had looked in to this, and had been in contact with Heather. There was really nothing they could apply for that was needed.

- ❖ Scott moved to postpone the Resolution 2022-60 indefinitely. Tammy second. All ayes.

Department Heads and Village Engineer-

Police Chief Joe Urso said there was no safety meeting in January, but there will be one in February. He complimented the Service Department on the last storm that went thru with the limited staff they had.

Mayor Clark asked if anyone had questions about the Village Administrator report. She said that we have hired a new service employee that started today to replace Ray. Scott asked if there were any other candidates. Mayor Clark said that we had one that was going to come back for a second interview. She did not want to overwhelm Collin in training two people at one time, and would like to wait at least two weeks. Nina said that she was glad to see we were approved for Tree City. The mayor said that was incorrect, we are still waiting to hear something back if we were approved.

Village Engineer Gene Arters from C.T. Consultants summarized his report that is on file. He went over the 2023 RAISE Grant Program in detail and what the village would need to do. Scott asked if we would have to have a NEPA environmental review to remove the bridge. Gene said that he did not know, but would check into it.

Committee

- ♦ Steve summarized the Finance Meeting. He did remind everyone that the Road Levy was expiring this year.
- ♦ Scott summarized the Service Meeting, and there was no Planning Meeting.
- ♦ Tammy turned in the minutes from the PCRCP, and stated at the Fireboard meeting they approved all contracts.
- ♦ Nina said that there was no meeting this month for Parks and Shade Tree, but summarized the November meetings.
- ♦ Mayor Linda Clark reported the Cemetery Board will hold the next meeting on 1.25.2023 at 6 PM. There was no meeting of Board of Zoning Appeals.
- ♦ Nothing for Safety Committee, it did not meet.

Please note: All committee minutes are available on mantuavillage.com

Mayor Clark asked if there was anything else. There was nothing else.

Adjournment

- ❖ Nina made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 PM. Scott second. All ayes.