

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
April 13, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **April 13th**, via teleconference due to the current state of emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. The city council's regular meeting scheduled for **March 23rd** was cancelled due to the Governor Edwards' declaration of the **COVID-19** pandemic as a Public Health Emergency. The order mandated that no more than 10 persons shall assemble in the same area at any one time. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. Following the pledge, the clerk called the roll to record those council members in attendance. Following the pledge, the clerk asked each council member on the teleconference to confirm their participation by signifying an verbal 'present' as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green -District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas -District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis -District **C** (attended meeting in person in Mayor's office at City Hall), Joseph Hall, Jr. -District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell -District **E**. **Absent**: None. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) **Others Present**: None. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **March 9, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Constituents had been invited to participate in the meeting with regard to public comments using the method of either email, faxing or phoning in any public comments they wanted to offer during the Public Comments Period. Since no comments were received by any of the methods outlined above, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt the **Resolution** contained in the **Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit Report** on page 17. This action is mandated by the LA Dept. of Environmental Quality and is necessary in order for the City to maintain its sewer discharge permit (LPDES Permit No. **LA0038962**). By adoption of this **Resolution** the city pledges to

continually review its user charges to ensure sufficient funds are being collected to properly operate, maintain and repair equipment within the system, when needed. Further, the City commits to the encouragement of continued education and training of its operators. Finally, the City assures that it will seek alternative funding sources for collection system improvements located in areas not eligible for LCDBG funding. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner **Robert Hogan** to place a mobile home for residential use at **2210 South Washington Street**, which is located in an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District). Mr. **Hogan's** daughter (Rachel Brown) intends to reside in the mobile home once situated at this address. At the Commission's meeting on March 18th at 4:00PM, there were no objections to the petitioner's request. The parcel where the mobile home will be situated is more particularly described as: Lot 3 and the South ½ of Lot 2, Block 1 in Junction Heights Subdivision, less 37.5' x 100' of Lot 3. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve an **Act of Donation** document with the *DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office* for the acceptance of three (3) used police units (2 -**2013 Chevy Tahoe** Utility vehicles and 1 - **2011 Chevy Tahoe** Utility vehicle). The vehicles will be repainted to match the Police Department's existing fleet and further equipped with required city decals and other accessories. These used police units will be placed in operation soon after they have been painted and all essential equipment/accessories have been installed. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, the Mayor implored the Council members to continue to pray for the community-at-large as we navigate through this pandemic. Citizens should be strongly urged to comply with all state and local mandates in an effort to hopefully reduce the spread of the coronavirus disease. Others on the teleconference echoed the Mayor's sentiment on this matter.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:40 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*