

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
April 9, 2018

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **April 9th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis W. McCoy called the 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 **Alderwoman Brenda H. Hall**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **-Mayor**, Brenda H. Hall –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: Mary L. Green –District **A** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Brian Phillips (Court Clerk) and Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr., John Barr (U.S. Senator John Kennedy), Stephanie McKenzie (U.S. Senator Bill Cassidy) and Rita J. Myles. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **March 26, 2018 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** 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. When no comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a **Resolution** setting the 2018 property tax millage rates. The tax rates which will be levied on the assessment roll of DeSoto Parish for the year 2018 are **8.320 mills** for General Alimony and **8.730 mills** for General Expenses. The tax levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation in the parish of DeSoto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to adopt a **Proclamation** at the request of LA Governor **John Bel Edwards**, commemorating **April 15, 2018** as the **50th** anniversary of the *National Fair Housing Law of 1968* in the State of Louisiana. Basically this law guarantees each citizen the critical, personal element of freely choosing a home and implementation of this law requires the positive commitment of all governmental departments and agencies and political subdivisions of the state of Louisiana to provide leadership that will help ensure fair housing opportunities for all citizens. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor McCoy and/or Council Members: Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr. announced that he and his church body had invited Bishop **Neil C. Ellis**, presiding Bishop of the newly formed *Global United Fellowship* to deliver a message on Wednesday, **April 11th** at 7:00 p.m., at Union Spring Church here in Mansfield. Bishop Ellis is a native of Bimini, The Bahamas and formed this initiative which “is a fellowship, not a denomination.” This initiative seeks to achieve five mandates: To Unite, to Equip, To Enhance, To Resurrect and To Build. This Fellowship is inclusive of pastors and parent church ministries of any denomination that desires to move forward the spiritual mandates of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alderman Hall extended an invitation to the Mayor and all the Aldermen to attend this event.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:35 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** Motion Passed Unanimously.

Curtis W. McCoy, *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*