

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
April 13, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, April 13th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor 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 **Alderswoman Mary L. Green**. Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **Mayor**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Roy R. Jones – District **B** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept), Chief Lee Shaver (Mansfield Fire Dept.), and Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer). **Others Present**: Tom Scott (*Atmos Energy Corp.*), Michael Rodgers (*Atmos Energy Corp.*) and Abel Flores (*J. F. Construction Inc.*). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **March 23, 2015 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** 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 from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the adoption of a **Proclamation** at the request of Governor Jindal, commemorating **April 15, 2015** as the 47th milestone of the *National Fair Housing Law of 1968* in the state of Louisiana. This law prohibits discrimination in housing and declares a national policy to provide, within constitutional limits, for fair housing in the United States. The principle of Fair Housing is not only national law and national policy, but a fundamental human concept and should be available for all Americans. In honor of this event, Governor Jindal has further requested that after adoption, all participating municipalities and other agencies prominently display their Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** with the **DeSoto Parish Policy Jury** to share the cost of demolition and site clean-up of the old

KCS Railway Depot Building. In December 1971, the building was donated to the City of Mansfield by the Kansas City Southern (KCS) Railway Company, and then in March 1978, the Mansfield City Council approved a donation of the same building to the DeSoto Council on Aging. The parcel where the building is situated is the property of KCS. For several decades, this building housed the staff of the DeSoto Parish Council on Aging, but they have since relocated. Thus, because the building is now vacant, in need of roof repairs and other extensive renovation, KCS has requested that it be removed and the grounds cleaned and restored to an orderly condition. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: As a final matter of new business, executives from *Atmos Energy Corporation* were invited to this meeting to inform the Mayor and City Council of their impending plans to upgrade/replace their existing, vintage natural gas lines throughout the City of Mansfield. Representing *Atmos Energy* was two of its Operations Supervisors, Mr. **Tom Scott** and Mr. **Michael Rodgers**. Also attending was the project supervisor, Mr. **Abel Flores**, of the company (*J. F. Construction, Inc.*) who has been contracted to perform the construction work. This will be a multi-year project that will encompass approximately 70 miles of pipeline. The construction activity is slated to commence first on Pegues Street, and then on to Laura Street and finally move to North Hills Drive. It is anticipated that within this area, approximately 80 customers will be initially impacted. However, customers residing in each project area will be notified prior to the commencement of any work. The Mayor and Aldermen welcomed the guests and expressed appreciation to *Atmos Energy* for their continued commitment to providing its customers (and our customers) with safe and reliable natural gas service. In conclusion, Mayor McCoy did request a progress report of their work-to-date in about 90 days after commencement of the project.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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