

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
April 22, 2013

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, April 22nd**, 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman G. B. Hall III.** Preceding the roll call, Mayor McCoy requested that the agenda be amended to allow DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, Mr. Jeremy Evans, time to administer the **Oath of Office** to Mr. **Kervin D. Campbell** as new alderman for District E, and to allow Mr. Campbell an opportunity to offer any remarks after the Oath was administered. Hearing no objections from the attendants or other Aldermen present, it was **MOTIONED** by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and **SECONDED** by **G. B. HALL III** to amend the agenda for the aforementioned reasons. Motion Passed Unanimously. Mr. Evans administered the Oath after which newly elected Alderman Campbell offered brief remarks then closed with a verse and refrain of Sam Cooke's "*A Change is Gonna Come.*" Mr. Campbell won his campaign for this position at the April 6, 2013 special election by a vote of 87 to 60 against incumbent Cynthia T. Cruse. Following this, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and newly elected Alderman Kervin D. Campbell – District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: James "*Jim*" Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Joseph Pratt (Police Chief). **Others Present**: With only standing room, the venue was filled largely with members of Alderman Campbell's family, his various business associates and acquaintances and a host of his friends (including members of an organization Alderman Campbell chartered –The Mansfield Elementary Middle School's Gentlemen's Club). **Press Present**: Julie Morris, *The Enterprise*.

It was **MOTIONED** by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and **SECONDED** by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the minutes of the **April 8, 2013 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. 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. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: Scheduled at this time was the administration of Alderman Kervin Campbell's **Oath of Office** by DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, Mr. Jeremy Evans. However, the agenda was amended during the opening ceremony of this meeting to administer Mr. Campbell's **Oath of Office**. Mr. Campbell is the newly elected Alderman for District E in the City of Mansfield.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to adopt a Resolution approving the **2012-2013** Revised and the **2013-2014** Annual Operating Budget of the DeSoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission. The revised budget and the budget, which covers fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, must also be approved by the parish's other two taxing authorities, namely the DeSoto Parish Police Jury and the DeSoto Parish School Board. Present at this meeting was the Commission's Administrator, Mr. Chris W. Robinette, to answer any inquiries posed by the Mayor and/or Board of Aldermen. No comments were offered or inquiries posed. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve **Change Order No. 1** as submitted by **Regional Construction, L.L.C.** for the Bernard Street Drainage Improvements Project. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of **\$4,500.00** for a culvert extension on the Southwest corner of a box culvert and for miscellaneous asphalt pavement. The original contract amount was \$47,822.00 and the adjusted contract price to date is now changed to **\$52,322.00**. Additionally, the time provided for completion of the contract is increased by fourteen (14) calendar days. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the recommendation made by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission granting the request of Mrs. **Murry Lee Terrell** to place a portable building for commercial use on property with a municipal address of **758 Louise Street**. The property bears the following legal description: BEG AT THE NE COR SE NW SEC 15 T12 R13, RUN TH W 1177.00 FT TO PT OF BEG; TH S 04 DEGS 18 MINS 14 SECONDS E 198.59 FT; RUN TH S 11 DEGS 41 MINS 47 SECONDS E 92.10 FT; & BEING THE NE COR OF A TRACT OF LAND OWNED BY PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL BANK, RUN TH S 80 DEGS 37 MINS 49 SECONDS W ALONG THE N/L OF SD BANK TRACT 126.78 FT, RUN TH N 12 DEGS 16 MINS 32 SECONDS W 106.15 FT, RUN TH NLY ALONG THE E/L OF OLD JEFFERSON HWY, RUN TH S 87 DEGS 39 MINS 40 SECONDS W 120.45 FT TO PT OF BEG, CONT. 0.86A MORE OR LESS (796-400)(1041-666) Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **TROY N. TERRELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt an Ordinance approving the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission granting the request of Mr. **Bryan Slaughter** to change zoning at **510 Jenkins Street** from an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below)

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE FROM DISTRICT R-2 (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) TO DISTRICT B-3 (COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

BEG AT SE COR OF NE NE SEC 17 T12 R13, RUN TH N 200 FT, W 165 FT, S 200 FT, E 165 FT TO BEG, BEG AT SE COR NE NE SEC 17 T12 R13, RUN N 200 FT FOR PT OF BEG, TH RUN N 176.02 FT, W ALONG S/B OF KINGS HWY 160 FT, S 176.2 FT, E 160 FT TO BEG (249-14)(382-849)(586-553)(678-397).LESS 0.511 ACRES (925-448)(1080-309)(1090-859) **(510 Jenkins Street)**

WHEREAS, a petition to the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission was properly filed requesting that the property described here-in-above be rezoned and all proper notices and procedures have been followed:

AND WHEREAS, the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission has recommended that said property be rezoned:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, in special session convened:

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community and Central Business District) said property being described as herein above.

SECTION 2. All parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

UPON MOTION OF Alderman Troy N. Terrell SECONDED BY Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr. the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 22nd day of April, 2013, with the votes as follows:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

/s/ Curtis W. McCoy
/s/ Marvin R. Jackson

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission granting the request of Mr. **Bryan Slaughter** to place a portable building for commercial use on property municipally known as **510 Jenkins Street**. The property bears the following legal description: BEG AT SE COR OF NE NE SEC 17 T12 R13, RUN TH N 200 FT, W 165 FT, S 200 FT, E 165 FT TO BEG, BEG AT SE COR NE NE SEC 17 T12 R13, RUN N 200 FT FOR PT OF BEG, TH RUN N 176.02 FT, W ALONG S/B OF KINGS HWY 160 FT, S 176.2 FT, E 160 FT TO BEG (249-14)(382-849)(586-553)(678-397).LESS 0.511 ACRES (925-448)(1080-309)(1090-859) Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: During this time, the floor was opened to receive a presentation by Mrs. **Detries Morris**, CEO of the DeSoto HealthCare Center, Inc. This non-profit organization provides low-cost health care to an average of 250 patients a month. Currently negotiations are nearly complete for the Center's acquisition of the former Department of Children and Family Services office located at 7364 Hwy. 509 in Mansfield, LA. Mrs. Morris' presence at this meeting was to solicit support from the City to help underwrite some of the costs associated with purchasing needed office furnishings and equipment for the new acquisition. The amount requested was \$2,500 to assist with equipping an examination room at the Hwy. 509 facility. Mrs. Morris distributed to the Mayor and City Council some handouts that were composed of support letters from other agencies, a few newspaper articles that chronicled some of the Center's accomplishments, and a copy of the notification from the Internal Revenue Service of their 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status. It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to take the request and the information disseminated by Mrs. Morris under advisement, and apprise her of the Council's decision regarding the request, at the May 13th regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item H: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy requested that the City's Public Relations Officer (Eboni Parker) present a slideshow exhibition of some of the City's completed projects and other on-going improvement/enhancement endeavors. Several of the infrastructure improvement projects (streets, drainage, etc.) that the City initiated in late 2011 and early 2012 have been completed. Others are still on-going, with more slated during the remainder of 2013 and some in 2014.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:55 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*