City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
April 26, 2010

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, April 26th, 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. Alderman J. Dudley Kemper led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the City Clerk and the following were **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, J. Dudley Kemper –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. Absent: G. B. Hall III –District **A**. Press Present: Coleman Robinson (***The Enterprise***).

It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to approve the minutes of the **April 12, 2010** regular city council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. When none were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED MITCHELL L. LEWIS to adopt a Resolution approving the 2009-2010 revised and the 2010-2011 **Sales & Use Tax Commission** as submitted by Mr. Chris W. Robinette, administrator for the commission. Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item B. It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to adopt an Ordinance to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission to grant the request of the DeSoto Parish Council on Aging to change property located at **1228 Polk Street** from B-2 (Neighborhood Business District) to B-3 (Community and Central Business District). Passed Unanimously. The full Ordinance is recited below:

City of Mansfield
ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2010

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

LOTS 3-24 & THE E 20 FT OF LOT 25 OF BLK 6 OF CROSBY SUBD. TO THE CITY OF MFLD, TOGETHER WITH ALL THAT PORTION OF THE ALLEY RUNNING IN AN EAST-WEST DIRECTION THROUGH THE SD BLK 6 OF CROSBY SUBD. FROM FIELD ST TO A LINE EXTENDINGING NLY FROM A PT 20 FT W OF THE NE COR OF LOT 25 OF BLK 6 OF CROSBY SUBD., TO A PT 20 FT W OF THE SE COR. OF LOT 8 BLK 6 OF CROSBY SUBD., TOGETHER WITH ALL THE N 10 FT OF SD ALLEY LYING S OF AND ADJACENT TO LOTS 5, 6, & 7 & THE W 5 FT OF LOT 8 OF BLK 6 CROSBY SUBD.,

TOGETHER WITH ALL BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED THEREON. (762-318) (**1228 Polk 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 regular session convened:

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from District B-2 (Neighborhood Business District) to B-3 (Community and Central Business District) said property being described as here in above.

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

UPON MOTION OF Alderman Alvin R. Woodley SECONDED BY Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, The above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 26th of April 2010, with the votes as follows:

Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent :1 Abstain: 0

J. Dudley Kemper
Mitchell L. Lewis
Joseph Hall, Jr.
Alvin R. Woodley

G. B. Hall III

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

Item C: It was MOTIONED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS and SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission to grant the request of Harris and Mary Green to place a mobile home at 1502 McArthur Drive #A, Mansfield, LA. Passed Unanimously.

Item D: A presentation was made by the City's Code Enforcement Officer, Mr. Brian M. Phillips to update the Board of Aldermen and meeting attendants of the Mayor's on-going efforts to 'clean up' the City. This clean-up initiative includes both the controlled burning and/or clearing of junk/abandoned houses, and the removal of junk/abandoned vehicles. During the 1st quarter of 2010, Mr. Phillips reported that 40 citations had been issued regarding junk/abandoned vehicles, with forty-three (43) pending citations for the May 10th Mayor's Court. Mr. Phillips distributed to the Mayor and councilmen, a summation of his efforts to date regarding violations to the following ordinances of record contained in the Code of Ordinances for the City of Mansfield: **Chapter 8, Article I (Fire Prevention and Protection), Chapter 10, Article II -Division 3 (Garbage, Trash and Weeds) and Chapter 14, Article VIII (Abandonment of Junk and Used Automobiles).** He is scheduled to present another report on the progress of this initiative sometime during the 2nd quarter of 2010.

Next on the agenda was the reception of reports from the City's Department Heads. First to report was Public Works Director, **Jim Ruffin**. Jim reported that the Wastewater Collection System Improvements project, funded by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), was approximately 40% complete. In late fall of 2009, the City was awarded over $1.2 million in ARRA 'Stimulus Funds' to construct infrastructure

improvements to its aging sewer system. Simultaneously, the City also has underway a major overhaul to Phase I of its water distribution system. That project, reported Mr. Ruffin, is roughly 15% complete. Slated to report next was Police Chief, **Don English**. Chief English was unable to attend this session. Finally to report was Fire Chief, **Lee Shaver**. Chief Shave reported that his crews had begun annual maintenance to the City's fire hydrants. That maintenance entailed the abatement of weeds and other obnoxious growth around these appertunances.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council members, no comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:47p.m., by MOTION from J. DUDLEY KEMPER and was SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY. Passed Unanimously.

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