

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 10, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **August 10th**, via *teleconference* due to the current State of Emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** 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 a verbal 'present' as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Mary J. Green –District **A**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Latarsha Shelton (Fire Chief) and Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief). **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **July 27, 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/participating 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 emailing, faxing or phoning in by 4:00 p.m., 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 **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of Fire Chief Latarsha Shelton to offer full-time employment to firefighter, **William Casey McDaniel** with the Mansfield Fire Department. Mr. **Casey** has been employment as a firefighter with the Fire Department since August 29, 2019. Upon employment, Mr. Casey was already certified as a Firefighter 1, a Firefighter 2 and a First-Responder. In addition, he had already completed training in haz-mat awareness, haz-mat operations and haz-mat technology. Since his tenure with the Department, he has proven to be a great asset, as he performs his assigned duties with care and efficiency. Finally, he has attained

an excellent attendance record, interacts well with his fellow employees, and conducts himself in a professional manner when interacting with the public. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Assistant Police Chief Billy Locke was given an opportunity to announce his and Chief Blue's plans to host a small symposium with local pastors to garner their support in helping to foster more unity and better safety in the community-at-large. Aldermen Hall will be one of the pastors included in this scheduled assembly. The meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, August 13th at **10:00 a.m.** in the conference/meeting room of the Police Department facility. To help unify parish residents, a host of various events are being planned. More specifically, some of the events proposed will be movie nights open to the general public (place and time to be announced), mini football and basketball camps, a feed-the-seniors initiative and various programs targeted at children of all ages. To help underwrite these proposed events, Mr. Locke stated that donations from area businesses and business leaders will be sought. The names of the donors contributing to this endeavor will be placed on a banner and displayed to acknowledge their sponsorship. Both Aldermen Kervin Campbell and Christopher Thomas expressed their appreciation and support to Mr. Locke for organizing this impending meeting with area pastors. Mayor Mayweather concluded the discussion by remarking that for the City to continue to strive for progressiveness, it is imperative that we continue to promote harmony in our community.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:41 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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