

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 14, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **Monday, August 14th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Pro Tempore Mitchell L. Lewis called the meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. 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. Mitchell L. Lewis, **Mayor Pro-Tem**, Brenda H. Hall –District **B**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Curtis W. McCoy, Mayor and Mary L. Green –District **A**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director) and Lt. Billy Locke (Mansfield Police Dept.). **Press Present**: Raley Pellittieri (*Mansfield Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D, CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the minutes of the **July 24, 2017 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** 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 from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was subsequently closed.

Old Business: -None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN CAMPBELL** to approve authorization for the Mayor Pro-Tem to enter into and execute a **revised** Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the ***DeSoto Parish Police Jury*** for repair to the access road inside ***Union Cemetery*** located on Old Jefferson Highway. This Agreement had been approved previously at the City Council’s regular meeting on May 22nd. However, the ***Police Jury*** requested a revision to the Agreement to offer a more definitive **Scope of Services** for this project. All other stipulations recited in the document remained unchanged. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and **BRENDA H. HALL** to approve authorization for the Mayor to enter into and execute a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** with the ***DeSoto Parish Police Jury*** to assist with the performance of repair and maintenance work on a portion of **Forest Avenue**, a portion of **Druiehlet Street** and a portion of **Schley Street**. The ***Police Jury*** will provide labor, equipment, and materials to prepare and install an asphaltic, concrete overlay on Forest Avenue from Lawrence Street to Martha Avenue, to Druiehlet Street from Schley Street to Washington Avenue (U. S. Hwy. 84) and to Schley Street from Jenkins to

Druiehlet Street. Moreover, the *City of Mansfield* will provide and install manhole extension collars, culverts and perform ditch work as required. Motion Passed Unanimously.

At this time the City Clerk requested an amendment to the published agenda to allow for the presentation of awards to some student athletes who attend *Mansfield Elementary Middle School (MEMS)*, and who competed in the 2017 USATF Junior Olympic National Championships. With no objection voiced to the request, same was approved by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and a SECOND from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL.** Motion Passed Unanimously. This time was set aside to present to eight (8) student athletes, Certificates of Achievement by the City Council for their recent participation in the 2017 USATF Olympic Track & Field National Championships held from July 24th through July 30th in Lawrence, Kansas. Four girls (ranging in ages from 7 to 8 years old) won 1st place in the 4x100 meter relay race, whose names are: **Kendalyn Duncan, Keniyah Davis, LaBrasia Ross and Aaliyah Brown.** The four boys who competed (ranging in ages from 9 to 10 years old) placed 11th in the nation in the 4x400 meter relay race and 16th in the 4x100 meter relay. Their names are: **Antonio Shannon, Jr., Antoine Shannon, Calvin Jackson and Ian White.** They were coached by MEMS coach, Mr. Mychal Word and the *River City Track Club* staff. Accompanying the students were their parents, some grandparents, and a host of other relatives and friends. The parents of the children were invited to make comments and their coach, Mr. Word, was also given the floor to offer some brief remarks regarding the overall conduct and discipline of the eight kids who competed. Both the students and their parents were very appreciative of the acknowledgement by the Mayor and City Council of their participation in this years' Junior Olympic championships. Photos were taken by the editor of our local journal (*The Enterprise*) and by the city's Public Relations Officer (*Tommie Crawford*).

Item C: No action was taken on this item (the offer of full-time employment to Mansfield police officers **Gabriel Whitaker, Jr.** and **David A. Self**). This matter will be included on August 28th agenda and discussed at that regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

During the period set aside for reception of any comments from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, none were offered.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:50 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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