

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 28, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **Monday, August 28th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis W. 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 **Alderwoman Mary L. Green.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, -Mayor, Mary L. Green –District A, Brenda H. Hall –District B, Mitchell L. Lewis –District C, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District D. **Absent:** Kervin D. Campbell –District E. **Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept.), Chief LaTarsha Shelton (Mansfield Fire Dept.), Lt. Billy Locke (Mansfield Police Dept.), Patrolman Gabriel Whitaker (Mansfield Police Dept.), and Patrolman David Self (Mansfield Police Dept.) **Others Present:** A. J. Williams, Jr. and Megan Whitaker. **Press Present:** Raley Pellitteri -editor (*Mansfield Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED **MARY L. GREEN** by to approve the minutes of the **August 14, 2017 *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. When no comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was subsequently closed.

Old Business: -None.

New Business:

Item A: Ordinance No. 6 of 2017 was introduced, drafted to request a partial zone change by petitioner, ***Hix Snedeker Companies*** (Daphne, AL), on property bearing a municipal address of **225 Lake Road** from an I-2 District (Heavy Industry District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). To represent ***Hix Snedeker Companies***, Mr. Colby Cooper (Chief Operating Officer) was present at the August 16th regular meeting of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission. At this meeting, Mr. Cooper stated that the municipal address of **225 Lake Road**, will be the site of the proposed new ***Tractor Supply Store***. Presently, the parcel is classified as a *split*-zoned property. A portion is zoned as an I-2 District and the other portion as a B-3 District. Mr. Cooper’s company now requests to rezone that portion of the parcel that is currently classified as an I-2 District designation, to a B-3 District. Mr. Cooper’s request was met with approval by the Commission at their August 16th meeting. The request is now before the City Council for consideration. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the September 7th edition of our local journal (***The Enterprise***), and set a public hearing on same for the Board of Aldermen’s regular meeting scheduled to be conducted on September 11th. Motion Passed Unanimously. This property bears the following legal description: A TRACT IN

SECS 9 & 10 T12 R13 DESC AS: BEG AT PT OF INTERSECTION OF N/L MYRA (PEGUES) ST WITH W LINE OF SMITHPORT RD; TH N 32 DEG 09 MIN E 342 FT, N 24 DEG 30 MIN E 342 FT, N 12 DEG 21 MIN E 335 FT, N 29 DEG 05 MIN E 218 FT, N 19 DEG 26 MIN E 170 FT, N 00 DEG 58 MIN W 260 FT, N 55 DEG 23 MIN W 140 FT, N 72 DEG 19 MIN W 230 FT, N 81 DEG 45 MIN W 69 FT TO E/R/W/L OF KCS RR R/W 1664 .5 FT; TH S 36 DEG 15 MIN W 436.5 FT TH SELY 300 FT, TH SWLY 81 FT, TH E ALONG N/R/W/L PEGUES ST 415 FT TO BEG (258-232)(332-67) LESS 6.5A (277-609)(453-237). LESS 7.252A (483-1-39A)(650-86)(787-21,24) LESS UND. 38.09% INT IN 1.332A SEC 10 T12 R13 (859-646) LESS UND. 61.91% INT IN 1.332A IN SEC 10 T12 R13 (859-651)(1062-195) LESS 0.112 ACRES(1295-405)(1295-408).

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation offered by Police Chief Gary Hobbs, to offer full-time employment to patrolman **Gabriel Whitaker, Jr.** with the Mansfield Police Department. Officer **Whitaker** has been employed with the Police Department since April 10, 2017, and thus has successfully completed the mandatory probationary period. To-date, he has performed his assigned duties exceptionally well and has also attained an excellent attendance record. He has exhibited the capability to follow the instructions of his supervisors and has demonstrated his ability to competently interact with the public. Furthermore, he is scheduled to attend the police academy for additional training in January 2018. Finally, Mayor McCoy gave Officer **Whitaker** *high* marks for the professional manner in which he conducted himself when questioned by an attorney representing a defendant at a recent Mayor's Court session. Motion Passed Unanimously. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Gary Hobbs, to offer full-time employment to Officer **David Allen Self** with the Mansfield Police Department. Officer **Self** has been employed with the Police Department since April 24, 2017, and has already proven himself to be a very valuable employee in his current capacity. During his tenure with the Department, he has performed his duties extremely well. Officer **Self** is a P.O.S.T. certified police officer and has over 20 years experience in law enforcement. Finally, he has demonstrated his ability to positively interact with the public and conduct himself in a professional manner. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to approve the termination of employment of Mr. **Garrison W. Simpson** with the City of Mansfield. In January 2018, Mr. **Simpson** sustained an off-duty injury that has prohibited him from returning to work in his previous capacity. Mr. **Simpson** has exhausted all of his sick leave hours and vacation days, and as such management made the decision to recommend the termination of his employment with the City. However, Mayor McCoy did state that in the event that Mr. **Simpson's** health condition improves to the extent that he can return to work resume his

regular duties, he will be considered for re-employment. While actively employed, he was a very dedicated and hard-working employee as attested to by his immediate supervisor, Jim Ruffin (city's Public Works Director). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

During the period set aside for reception of any comments from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Mayor McCoy urged those in attendance to pray for the residents in Houston, Texas who have been severely impacted by the recent hurricane sustained in that city. He continued by remarking that Hurricane Harvey had left wide-spread devastation in its wake, and that many Houston residents had been displaced as a result. Mayor McCoy has reached out to the Mayor of the city of Houston (the Hon. Sylvester Turner) to offer any assistance from this end, to the constituents there affected by this catastrophic event. It should be noted that due to present and impending inclement weather conditions, the *DeSoto Parish Police Jury* has declared a State of Emergency for this parish and has activated all Emergency Preparedness plans and all Hazard Emergency Operations plans.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:43 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