

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 8, 2016

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, August 8th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis McCoy called the meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L Lewis**. 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. Curtis W. McCoy, **Mayor** Mary L. Green –District A, Brenda H. Hall –District B, Mitchell L. Lewis –District C, and Kervin D. Campbell –District E. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District D. **Absent due to suspension**: Roy R. Jones –District B. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), James “**Jim**” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), Gary Hobbs (Chief of Police), Annette Blue (Asst. Chief of Police), Billy Locke (Lt. –MPD), A. Wayne Nichols (Fire Chief), Karen Lee (Fire Dept.), Christopher Samuels (Fire Dept.), and Coty Rachal (Fire Dept.). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **July 25, 2016 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** 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 to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. When no comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: At this time, a public hearing was conducted to discuss and hear any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 2 of 2016** drafted to rezone property with a municipal address of **136 Kavanaugh Street** from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District), at the request of petitioner, **Linda Duncan Bolton**. When no comments were offered regarding this matter, the public hearing was subsequently closed.

Item B: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve adoption of **Ordinance No. 2 of 2016** drafted to rezone property with a municipal address of **136 Kavanaugh Street** from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District), at the request of petitioner, **Linda Duncan Bolton**. Mrs. **Duncan** appeared before the Mansfield Planning and Zoning

Commission at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 to petition the Commission to consider rezoning this property for the purpose of situating a portable building for commercial use at the aforementioned address. The property bears the following legal description: BEG AT SW COR LOT 6 BLK 4 JACKSON BROS. SUBD. RUN N 89 DEG 20 MIN 52 SECONDS E 324.29 FT, N 88 DEG 30 MINS 31 SECONDS E 00.44 FT, N 02 DEG 09 MIN 24 SECONDS E 87.31 FT, S 89 DEG 53 MINS 04 SECONDS E 100 FT TO PT OF BEG, TH N 0 DEG 35 MINS 07 SECONDS E 127.74 FT, TH E 99.07 FT, S 0 DEG 10 MIN 00 SECONDS W 127.94 FT, N 89 DEG 53 MINS 04 SECONDS W 100 FT TO BEG CONT. 0.292A. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation made by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission at their meeting on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 **granting** the request of petitioner, **Linda Duncan Bolton**, to situate a portable building for commercial use on property with a municipal address of **136 Kavanaugh Street**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a **Resolution** adopting the **2016** property tax millage rates, set at **8.320 mills** for general alimony and **8.730 mills** for general expenses. By adoption of this **Resolution**, the proper administrative officials of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, are empowered, authorized and directed to levy taxes upon the assessment roll of DeSoto Parish for the year **2016** on all property subject to taxation. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy Resolution on file at City Hall)

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the recommendation made by Mayor McCoy to promote acting Fire Chief **Alva Wayne Nichols** to Fire Chief in the Mansfield Fire Department. Mr. Nichols has been with the Department since August 25, 2001, but assumed the capacity of *acting* Fire Chief in February 2016, at the departure of former Fire Chief Lee Shaver (retired 01/31/16). Since that time, he has performed his duties in an exemplary manner, implementing new procedures and enhancing existing ones, impressing upon the Mayor and City Council that he is very deserving of this promotion. A plaque acknowledging Mr. Nichols' promotion was presented to him at this time by Mayor McCoy, with blessings from the City Council. Also recognized at this time for their recent achievements, were firefighters **Coty L. Rachal** and **Christopher J. Samuels**. On June 8, 2016, Mr. Rachal attained certification as a Fire Fighter II from the Louisiana State University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Further, on June 22, 2016 Christopher Samuels obtained certification in Hazardous Materials/WMD Operations. Both Mr. Rachal and Mr. Samuels were presented plaques for their respective accomplishments, along with well wishes from all in attendance at this meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E. No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:43 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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