

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 24, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, August 24th**, 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 Mary L. Green**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **Mayor**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Roy R. Jones –District **B**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk) and James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director). Others Present: Alex Montgomery, George Apperson, A. J. Williams, Jr. and Rita Myles. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **August 10, 2015 *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 then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a **Resolution** authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf and in the name of the City of Mansfield a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) **engineering services** for fiscal year 2016/2017. Of the two firms that submitted qualifications statements (***BALAR Associates, Inc.*** and ***KSA Alliance, Inc.***), **BALAR Associates** ranked the higher of the two to perform engineering services for the City’s 2016/2017 LCDBG Public Facility Improvements Project. Those firms submitting proposals are scored/ranked based on select criteria published in the LCDBG application handbook. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a **Resolution** authorizing the Mayor to execute on behalf and in the name of the City of Mansfield a contract for Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) **administrative services** for fiscal year 2016/2017. The only firm to submit a proposal package was ***The Coordinating and Development Corporation***, and thus this firm’s package was scored and will be placed under contract for this grant. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve authorization for the Mayor to enter into and execute a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** with the ***DeSoto Parish Police Jury*** who will assist the City with performing

remedial work on a portion of Jacobs Street. Mayor McCoy stated that the City will purchase the necessary supplies and materials for this project using funds from a recently awarded 2014-2015 Local Government Assistance Program grant (\$14,342). The Police Jury will in turn underwrite the cost of labor for this rehab work on Jacobs Street. Approximately, an 850 feet long stretch of this street is in dire need of repair. According to the parish administrator, the remedial work is scheduled to commence some time during the latter part of September. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: At this time, **Ordinance No. 9 of 2015** was introduced to the Council, which if approved will renew the City's **Franchise Agreement** with BellSouth Communications, LLC (d/b/a AT&T Louisiana) for a period of fifteen (15) years. The current 10-year Agreement is set to expire on September 30th. Terms of the new Agreement include payments calculated at **five percent** (5%) of BellSouth's gross receipts from local exchange telephone service provided by this company within the corporate limits of the City. Finally, payments are to be remitted in quarterly installments and paid not later than **thirty** (30) days after the end of each calendar quarter. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance on 09/03/15, and set the public hearing for same at the next regular meeting of the City Council scheduled for 09/14/15. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: Mayor McCoy informed the City Council that we must begin soon to seek another municipal attorney to represent the City in legal affairs. The City's current attorney has recently moved to Baton Rouge, and has taken a position there as adjunct professor of law at **Southern University**. It is imperative that the City's legal counsel live in closer proximity to Mansfield if he or she is to effectively represent this municipality. He further commented that he would keep them (the City Council) informed and seek their confirmation when a new attorney is under consideration for employment with the City.

Item F: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:42 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*