

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
August 25, 2014

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, August 25th**, 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Roy R. Jones.** Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Roy R. Jones –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** None. **Other City Personnel Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), and Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept.) Others Present: A. J. Williams, Jr., Julia Dickerson, Sue Dillard, Joyce Bennett, Vernese Green, Megan Green, Virgie Ashton, Dicie Gray, Terri Gray, and George Apperson. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **August 11, 2014 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:

Item A: At this time, a brief discussion ensued regarding a proposed name change for a thoroughfare located within the City’s corporate limits, specifically West City Park Drive. Originally, this issue was discussed at the Council’s regular meeting on July 28th when the proposed new name recommended for this street was Riemer Calhoun Sr. Circle. However, some disagreement surfaced from among Mr. Calhoun’s survivors when this name was suggested. Therefore, the proposed name was changed instead to **Riemer Calhoun Circle.** It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize advertisement of the Notice of Public Hearing in the September 4th edition of *The Enterprise* concerning the request to change the name of West City Park Drive to **Riemer Calhoun Circle.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve setting the public hearing for the proposed street name change from West City Park Drive to **Riemer Calhoun Circle** for Monday, September 8th at 4:30 p.m. At this meeting, an Ordinance to formally initiate the name change will be introduced. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: At a duly called regular meeting held of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission held on Wednesday, August 20th, petitioner **Vernese Curry Green** appeared to request permission to place a portable building intended for commercial use at **605 Laura Street** and to change zoning of this property from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). Ms. Green, present at the Zoning Commission's meeting, stated that her daughter Megan would be operating a beauty shop/salon out of the portable building. Several residents from this neighborhood were also present at that meeting and all voiced their objections to Ms. Green's request. Generally, they were in objection to the increased vehicular traffic anticipated if Ms. Green's request to operate a beauty shop at this location was approved. Mr. A. J. Williams, one of the members of the Zoning Commission, was present at this Council meeting and stated that it was a tough call, but due to the overwhelming opposition to the petitioner's request, ultimately the Commission voted to decline Ms. Green's request. Prior to acting on the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission regarding this issue, a brief discussion ensued. Initially Mayor McCoy was in favor of supporting the recommendation of the Commission. However, because several Laura Street residents were present at this Council meeting, he opted to allow comments on the matter from those citizens. He also invited comments and concerns from the Aldermen present. Ms. Julia Dickerson, a Laura Street resident, commented that she opposed the petitioner's request because she feared vehicular traffic would increase and expressed concern about where Ms. Green's clientele would park. She also stated that she was somewhat apprehensive about the impact limited parking would have on through-traffic. Ms. Green informed the Council and other citizens present that ample parking existed on the side of the property where the portable building would be situated. She further stated that patrons would be scheduled by appointments only. Conversely, another Laura Street resident, Mr. Jeff Heard, was in favor of granting the petitioner's request, as was Aldermen Roy R. Jones and Joseph Hall, Jr. Additionally, Mayor McCoy rescinded his initial objection to the request. It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to grant the petitioner's request to place a portable building for commercial use at **605 Laura Street**. However, before the building can actually be situated at this location, an Ordinance to rezone the property from an R-1 District to a B-3 District must be introduced to the Council and later adopted. At the September 8th regular meeting of the City Council, an Ordinance regarding a request for a change in zoning will be introduced and a public hearing will be set for September 22nd to hear any comments regarding the zone change. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve **Change Order No. 1** as submitted by **M&M Builders, Inc.** for the Johnson Street Sidewalk Project. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of **\$1,207.12** for some additional concrete pours not specified in the original Construction Contract, but necessary

for this project. The sum of **\$1,207.12** was added to the total original contract price of \$41,923.78, and the adjusted contract price to date was changed to **\$43,130.90**. The time provided for completion of the contract was unchanged. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to declare businesses with unpaid occupational licenses as delinquent and '*Operating a business without a current occupational license,*' and authorize the Police Department to begin issuing citations for this violation (each day of operation without a current license is a separate violation). The six businesses included on the list will be visited by a uniformed police officer, reminded again (three written notices previously sent -12/31/13, 03/31/14, 06/03/14) of the consequences for failure to comply with this requirement, then given a week from the date of the visit to satisfy their respective license fee, and also told that a citation will be issued for each day of non-compliance with this obligation. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other New Business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **ROY R. JONES**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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