

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
August 27, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, August 27th**, 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 Alvin R. Woodley.** The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell -District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E.** **Absent:** None. **Others Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Eboni Parker (Public Relations Officer), Richard Johnson, Jr. (City Attorney), Arthur J. Williams, Jr. (Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission), Dicie M. Gray and Vergie Ashton. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the minutes of the **August 13, 2012 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the Mayor to make application for a Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) grant for fiscal year 2012-2013 and also authorize him to act as Official Signatory in execution of all necessary documents in connection therewith, and provide for any other matters in connection therewith. The deadline for application submission is September 14th, and this grant is administered by the Office of Community Development for the State of Louisiana. If our application is approved and the grant (\$50,000) is awarded to the City, it will be used to purchase two (2) new police patrol units to replacing two aging units. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with **Data Center of LA** for the purpose of providing redistricting services for the Mansfield City Council Districts. **Data Center** is a 30-year old company based in Kenner, Louisiana with **Mr. Cedric Floyd** at the helm as President and CEO. The first task of **Data Center** will be to determine the population of each council district using 2010 Census data. Ideally, each district should have roughly the same number of people (1,000). If the deviation exceeds more than a 10 percent of the total population in any given district, reapportionment then becomes necessary. **Data Center** has performed redistricting services for the DeSoto Parish Police Jury and for numerous other governmental agencies in this region. Their services are estimated to cost between \$5,500 and \$7,000, depending on how comprehensive the scope of services becomes. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy asked that Eboni Parker, the City's Public Relations Officer, come forth to make a presentation to Jim Ruffin (city's Public Works Director). Mr. Ruffin has been a dedicated employee of the City for more than twenty years, and on August 28th, he would be celebrating his 63rd birthday. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen recognized his commitment to the City and this milestone in his life by presenting him with a Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation. All Aldermen present collectively expressed gratitude to him for the vital work he performs daily for the City.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:36 p.m.**, by MOTION from **TROY N. TERRELL** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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