

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *SPECIAL* PUBLIC MEETING
December 12, 2017

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 42:19, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on **Tuesday, December 12th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. The Aldermen's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 11, 2017 was cancelled, due to the lack of a quorum present. Mayor Curtis W. McCoy called the meeting to order at **4:35 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. 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**, and Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Kervin D. Campbell –District **E** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gary Hobbs (Police Chief). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **November 27, 2017 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** 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 subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 8 of 2017** drafted to **amend** the Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending 2017. When no comments were offered in relation to this matter, the Public Comments Period was subsequently closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **BRENDA H. HALL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve adoption of **Ordinance No. 8 of 2017** drafted to **amend** the Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year ending 2017. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other old business to discuss.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the lowest responsible bidders for the chemicals **Aluminum Sulfate Solution** and **Caustic Soda Liquid 25 % Diaphragm** for use at the city's Water Treatment Plant. Of the four (4) bids

received, *Premier Chemicals & Services* submitted the lowest bid of **\$220.00/dry ton delivered**. Similarly, for **Caustic Soda Liquid**, of the two (2) bids received, the lowest bid submitted was obtained from *Premier Chemicals & Services* at **\$820/dry ton delivered**. All sealed public bids for both of these chemicals were opened at the Aldermen's regular meeting held on November 27th, and taken under advisement. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the lowest responsible bidder for the chemical **Aluminum Sulfate Solution TOTES** for use at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The sole bid for this chemical was received and opened on November 27th at the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, and taken under advisement. *Premier Chemicals & Services* submitted a bid of **\$0.54/pound delivered**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute a Contract with the *DeSoto Regional Health System* (d/b/a *DeSoto Regional Hospital*) for the provision of health care services to low-income individuals under the **340B Discount Drug Program** ("*340B Program*"), and to provide for all other matters in connection therewith. The **340B Program** is a federal government program created in 1992 that requires drug manufacturers to provide outpatient drugs to eligible health care organizations and covered entities at significantly reduced prices. The City and Hospital entered into this Agreement to ensure that the Hospital continues to provide health care services to low-income individuals who are not entitled to benefits under Medicare or eligible for assistance under the Louisiana Medicaid State plan. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: At this time, Mansfield Police Chief Gary Hobbs presented to the Mayor and City Council, a proposal to consider the purchase of in-car cameras and related equipment for installation in all police units/vehicles. This new system would also include body cameras for use by police personnel. Total cost for this equipment, which includes installation and training, would amount to approximately **\$121,000**. When one aldermen inquired as to how we (the City) would fund this purchase, Mayor McCoy responded by informing the Council that this would be a one-time capital expenditure and could possibly be funded out of corporation reserves. It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the purchase of this equipment should the City have sufficient reserves to subsidize this endeavor. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: During the Comments Period for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy remarked that the City had enjoyed a successful Christmas Parade and that the City would, by all indication, close out 2017 in a sound, financial position.

Item F. No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:53 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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