

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
December 12, 2011

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, December 12th**, 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 Troy N. Terrell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman G. B. Hall III**. The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr., -District **D**. **Absent**: Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Press Present**: Eboni Parker -*The Enterprise*.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **November 28, 2011 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to pay all current outstanding bills for this period. 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 approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the bid proposal of **DPC Industries, Inc.** (15838 Brittain Ct./Lindale, TX) as the lowest responsible bidder for the chemical Aluminum Sulfate Solution 17% (Liquid Alum) for use at the City's Water Treatment facility. This company submitted a bid of **\$299.00/dry ton** delivered for this chemical for a contract period of six months (01/01/12 to 07/31/12). The following is a summary of the remaining sealed bid proposals received for Aluminum Sulfate Solution (4,800 gals./delivery): **Harcros Chemicals, Inc.** –No bid proposal submitted, **Premier Chemicals & Services** - \$449.50/dry ton delivered, and **G E O Specialty Chemicals** -\$351.50/dry ton delivered. 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 bid proposal of **Harcros Chemicals, Inc.** (1011 Jack Wells Blvd./Shreveport, LA) as the lowest responsible bidder for the chemical Caustic Soda Liquid 25% Diaphragm for use at the City's Water Treatment facility. Harcros Chemicals submitted a bid of **\$739.00/dry ton** delivered for this chemical. The following is a summary of the remaining sealed bid proposals received for Caustic Soda Liquid (3,500 gals./delivery): **DPC Industries, Inc.** -\$770.00/dry ton delivered,

Premier Chemicals & Services -\$743.90/dry ton delivered, and **G E O Specialty Chemicals** – No bid proposal submitted. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve **Change Order No. 2** as submitted by David Lawler Construction, Inc. for the Water Distribution System Improvements project (Contract #2). The City's Public Works Department is requesting the installation of an additional ten (10) in-line Gate Valves (sizes 6", 8" and 12") on the new water main laterals crossing US Hwy. 84 and LA Hwy. 513 at the intersections of Adams, N. Jefferson, Madison, Van Buren, Crosby, Laura and Huson Streets. The specific reason for these additional gate valves is to provide shut-off valves on both sides of the State right-of-way to prevent disruption of water service to any City customers in the event of a pipeline failure under the state highway. This is an additive change order in the amount of **\$11,550.00** increasing the total base bid contract price of \$2,105,862.47 to \$2,117,412.47. Additionally, the time provided for completion of the contract is increased by five (5) calendar days. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize an amendment to the construction contract with **Industrial Research Corporation (I.R.C.)** for installation of a Chemical Injection System at the City's South Mansfield Water Booster Station. At the November 14th regular meeting, the Council accepted a proposal/quote from **I.R.C.** where construction costs of \$34,500.00 was allocated for this project. The amended project construction cost will now be \$35,535.00. The additional \$1,035.00 (3% of project cost) increase is due to a desire to reduce liability for the City by having the project payment bonded and performance bonded. Finally, engineering costs have been estimated at \$3,500, making the total cost for this project \$39,035.00. During the first quarter of this year, the City was notified by Governor Jindal's office that their grant application through the Community Water Enrichment Fund had been approved. The City applied for \$50,000 for this project and was approved for \$35,000. The \$35,000 in grant funds will satisfy the bulk of the project cost, with the City's out-of-pocket expense amounting to slightly better than \$4,000.00. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief, Joseph Pratt, to hire patrol officers **Jeremy R. Burton** and **Christopher J. Glass** full time in the Mansfield Police Department. Officer Burton has been employed with the police department since May 9, 2011, and has performed very well in his current capacity as a Patrol Officer. Further, he has proven that he is able to follow the instructions given to him by his supervisors. Officer Glass has been employed with the police department since November 15, 2010, and has demonstrated an ability to interact with the public and conduct himself in a professional manner. Both officers have maintained an excellent attendance record and to date have proven to be valuable assets to the police department. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the opening of new Waterworks bank accounts at Capital One Bank related to the Limited Tax Revenue Bonds (\$1,550,000), Series 2010, Loan#2. The Certified Transcript of Record prepared by the City's bond attorneys (Foley & Judell L.L.P.) and recently received, mandates the opening of certain accounts for the processing of anticipated payment requests from contractors and other costs associated with these bonds and setting aside a specified percentage of funds in anticipation of satisfying required annual debt service payments on this bond issue. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 1, Part II, Section 1-9 of the City of Mansfield's Code of Ordinances as it relates to general penalties and court costs, and to provide for related matters. One of the amendments to Section 1-9 of Chapter 1, increases the fine amount for failure to comply with any provision of this Code from \$150 to \$300.00. This amendment also ensures that the City is collecting monies from each citation issued, sufficient enough for funding indigent defense. These actions are necessary to make certain the City is in compliance with Act 336 effective August 15, 2011. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

**CITY of MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE 22 of 2011**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART II, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-9 TITLED "GENERAL PENALTY AND COURT COSTS" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BY THE CITY OF MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA, AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, Section 1-9 of Chapter One, Part II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 1-9 General penalty and court costs.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to violate or fail to comply with any provision of this Code or commit any act or omission to act declared to be unlawful or a misdemeanor, and where no specific penalty is provided, the violation of any provision of this Code shall be punished by a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00) or imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment, within the discretion of the court. Each day any violation of this Code shall continue constitutes a separate offense.
- (b) Any traffic offenses which are also listed in the State of Louisiana, Parish of DeSoto, 42nd Judicial District Court, Schedule of Fines-Misdemeanor which is promulgated by the District

Judges of the 42nd Judicial District shall be punished by a fine not exceeding the highest in that schedule for the applicable traffic offense or imprisonment for a term not exceeding sixty (60) days, or both such fine and imprisonment within the discretion of the court. Each day such violation of this Code shall continue shall constitute a separate offense.

- (c) In addition to fines imposed on any person for violation of the provisions of this Code, the person shall also be assessed with costs of court in the amount of thirty dollars (\$30.00), as well as any other costs of court required by state law to be assessed.

Upon motion by Alderman G. B. Hall III, seconded by Alderman Troy N. Terrell, passed and adopted at Mansfield, Louisiana on this 12th day of December, 2011.

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

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy remarked that the City's Annual Christmas Parade was successful and was one of its largest. Mayor McCoy further thanked all the participants and committee members who worked diligently to make certain the parade and festival were enjoyable for both visitors and residents alike.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:44 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*