

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
December 28, 2010

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, December 28th**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Alvin R. Woodley**. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III – District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**, and Alvin R. Woodley – District **E**. **Absent**: Troy N. Terrell – District **B**. **Press Present**: Kriston Newsom (*The Enterprise*).

It was **MOTIONED** by **G. B. HALL III** and **SECONDED** by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **December 13, 2010 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 for any agenda items. However, Mayor McCoy allowed a presentation from Ms. Jody Gore, who is the manager of the DeSoto Arts Council (DAC) Art Gallery. DAC is a non-profit organization that reorganized in 2008 and holds its regular meetings in the Hicks-Richardson building located in Grand Cane, LA. A grand opening for the gallery has been scheduled for January 22nd from 10:00am until 12 Noon. The council is made up of singers, musicians and other supporters of the arts. In closing, Ms. Gore distributed a brochure and flyers which outlined the council's upcoming goals and classes for 2011. Mayor McCoy and the Board of Aldermen then thanked Ms. Gore for the presentation. When no further comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was **MOTIONED** by **G. B. HALL III** and **SECONDED** by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the 2010 Budget Adjustments –Amendment #1 as prepared and submitted by City Accountant, Melony McCarty. The amendments impacted the Corporation, Water Works, and Sewer budget figures. Also, according to the auditor (William Weatherford) who performed the City's 2009 Financial Audit, it is required that the Water Sales Tax fund, the Police Witness Fee fund, and all federal grants (LCDBG) each have their own individual budgets with respect to revenue and expenditures. A full copy of the 2010 Budget Amendments is on file at City Hall. Motioned Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was **MOTIONED** by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and **SECONDED** by **MALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve **Change Order No. 4** as submitted by Trenchless Methods, Inc. for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project (BPN 09040). This change order is an additive and nets an increase of 41,373.50 to the total contract price, resulting in a new adjusted contract price to **\$989,382.86**. Revisions to the contract are representative of the replacement of a section of collection system, the removal of an obstruction, and the work that has/has not been required to complete and close out the project. There will be no out-of-pocket expense to the

City for these submitted revisions. This increase is covered by stimulus funds awarded to the City by the Louisiana Dept. of Environmental Quality at the inception of this project. The bulk of the increase is attributable to repair work that must be performed to sewer mains on Jenkins and Johnson Streets. Motion Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

Item A: It was **MOTIONED** by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and **SECONDED** by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the recommendation made by Acting Police Chief, Joseph Pratt, to hire **Antoinette R. Turner** full-time in the Mansfield Police Dept. Officer Turner's original hire date was August 30, 2010. She has successfully completed her probationary period and basic training at the Shreveport Police Academy. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

Department Reports

Next on the agenda was the reception of reports from the **City's Department Heads.**

- **Public Works Director Jim Ruffin** presented his overview on the status of the various contractors performing infrastructure work within the City's corporate limits. He reported that **Wicker Construction, Inc.** is currently 87% complete are presently performing improvements in the Hillsdale Subdivision. He further commented that the to water lines already installed by this contractor still had to be tested by the Dept. of Health & Hospitals to ensure adequate pressure before being considered fully functional. **Trenchless Methods, Inc.**, the contractor performing improvements to the City's sewer collection system is approximately 95% complete with their work. Some work still must be performed on Ricks Drive and in some areas of Meadow Park Subdivision. All sewer mains must be inspected and pressure tested before they could be considered fully operational. The company (**Thielsch Group, Inc.**) contracted to replace water meters city-wide is roughly 75% complete with their work.
- **Fire Chief Lee Shaver** informed the council that he and one of his crew members (Jonathan Wadkins) would be traveling to Alexandria to attend an electrical safety class. This class is part of the departments' on-going certification requirements.
- **Acting Police Chief Joseph Pratt** commented that the Mansfield Police Department staff was larger than it has ever been with 17 officers currently on the police force. He further reported that during the holidays, the department made efforts to be more visible in their patrol of the city. This was especially true with respect to their visits to commercial businesses and retail outlets. "Hopefully", he said, "this was a deterrent to shoplifting, and it seemed to be working."

During the period for Comments from the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy wished all attendants at this meeting a safe and happy New Year. Additionally, he commented that he was grateful for the good rapport and working relationship established with the city council and City Hall staff. Alderman G. B. Hall III echoed his comments, and mentioned that during his 10-year tenure as a council member, this is most activity the City has seen, with regard to construction. Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr. expressed his appreciation to the staff at City Hall for a good job during 2010. He also thanked Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin and his crews for their work during the year when performing repairs and improvements to various infrastructure within the City. As a councilman for 20 years, Alderman Mitchell Lewis commented that he was proud to be a member of the City's law-making body. Finally, Alderman Alvin Woodley conveyed his gratitude at being given the opportunity to be a member of the City Council, and said the Council would continue to strive to always do what's best for the City's constituents.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned at 4:53 p.m.**, by **MOTION** from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was **SECONDED** by **G. B. HALL III.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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