

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 10, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. Following the pledge, the 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 Kervin D. Campbell. –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), and Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk). **Press Present**: Julie Morris (*The Enterprise*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **January 27, 2014 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 then closed.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Item A:** It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve **Change Order No. 8** as submitted by **Cecil D. Gassiot, L.L.C.** for the Water Treatment Facilities Improvements Project. This was an additive Change Order which included three items requested by the City that totaled **\$24,495.00**. This sum will be added to the total contract bid price of \$1,897,827.00, and the adjusted contract price to date will now be **\$1,922,322.00**. The time provided for completion of the contract will be increased by 28 calendar days. This document shall become an amendment to the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item B:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve adoption of the City’s revised holiday policy. The City Clerk explained that the Employee Handbook is currently under revision and the holiday policy is an included document in the handbook. This revision officially adds New Year’s Eve, the Friday after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Eve to the holiday schedule, and authorizes thirteen (13) days as paid holidays for all full-time employees. The last revision of the holiday policy by the city council was on August 11, 1997. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item C:** It was MOTIONED by **TROY N. TERRELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of Mayor McCoy to promote Acting Police Chief, **Gary D. Hobbs**, to the position of Chief of Police of the Mansfield Police Department. Mr. Hobbs has been employed with the Department since July 1, 1989, originally in the capacity of a dispatcher. He was promoted to Acting Police Chief in March 2011, and has served the community commendably in this position. Mayor McCoy commented that since knowing Mr. Hobbs, he has found him to be extremely well organized and very meticulous when carrying out his assigned duties. At this meeting to administer Mr. Hobbs' Oath of Office was DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, Mr. **Jeremy Evans**. Standing alongside Mr. Hobbs during administration of the Oath was his wife Jennifer and infant son Silas. Also, present at the meeting in support of Mayor McCoy's recommendation was a host of Mr. Hobbs' family and friends. Further, former Chief of Police Don English was in attendance to offer well wishes to Mr. Hobbs. He remarked that he felt the Mayor and Council has made a wise decision in promoting Mr. Hobbs to this position. Mayor McCoy humbly requested the Council's full support of his recommendation to promote Mr. Hobbs to this position. Finally, Mr. Hobbs rose to address the Mayor and City Council to express his gratitude to them for selecting him to fill this position and for the trust and confidence they were placing in him to manage the Police Department. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item D:** It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Gary Hobbs, to offer full-time employment to patrol officer **Timothy M. Morris** in the Mansfield Police Department. Officer Morris was been employed with the Police Department since October 30, 2013. Since his employment, he has proven to be a valuable employee and has performed exceptionally well in his capacity as a patrol officer. Chief Hobbs asked the Mayor and Council for their approval of his recommendation to offer full-time employment to Officer Morris. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item E:** No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, no comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:47 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*