

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
February 14, 2011

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, February 14th**, 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**. 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**, Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: None **Press Present**: Kriston Newsom (*The Enterprise*) and Vickie Welborn (*The Times*)

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the minutes of the **January 24, 2011 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to pay 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. When no comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve Amendment No. 2 of the Annual Signal Maintenance Agreement between the City of Mansfield and the LA Dept. of Transportation and Development for the fiscal year ending **June 30, 2011**. The original contract agreement included operation and maintenance of twelve (12) traffic signals in the City of Mansfield. On September 13, 2010, the ownership of a segment of U.S. Hwy. 171 was transferred from the LA DOTD to the City. The intersection of Hope Street, Franklin Street and George Hunt Road in Mansfield was included in the transfer of ownership. Therefore, the flashing beacon at this intersection was removed from the Signal Maintenance Agreement with an effective date of September 13, 2010. The original contract amount of \$8,800.00 was amended on August 17, 2010 to include the addition of a traffic signal at +\$631.30. Amendment No. 2 subtracts a traffic signal beacon reducing the contract amount by \$637.87. The revised contract that includes the aforementioned transfer results in a new contract amount totaling \$8,793.43. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt an Ordinance prohibiting the practice known as “Jake-Braking” (Motor-Braking) within the corporate limits of the City of Mansfield. This ordinance makes it unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate any mechanical exhaust device, or motor brake, designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle which results in the excessive, loud,

unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle in what is known as “*jake-braking*”. The full Ordinance is recited below:

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2011

TO ADD SECTION 14-152 ENTITLED “NOISE PREVENTION AND PROHIBITING THE PRACTICE KNOWN AS “JAKE-BRAKING” (MOTOR-BRAKING) PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR SUCH, TO CHAPTER 14 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 14- 152 of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, it is hereby enacted to read as follows:

NOISE PREVENTION/MOTOR-BRAKING

- (a) It shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to use or operate or cause to be used or operated within the City of Mansfield, Louisiana any mechanical exhaust device, or motor brake, designed to aid in the braking or deceleration of any vehicle which results in the excessive, loud, unusual or explosive noise from such vehicle, or otherwise engage in what is known as “*jake-braking*.” However, it is an affirmative defense to a violation of this ordinance that motor-braking was used on an emergency basis to avoid damage to property, or a personal injury.
- (b) Any person violating any provision of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined not more than one hundred fifty (\$150) dollars and court costs and/or imprisoned for no more than 15 days.
- (c) Enforcement of this ordinance shall be delayed until signs have been posted on all major roadways entering or bypassing the city of Mansfield, Louisiana. Said signs shall be posted on or near said roadways stating in language similar to: “NO JAKE-BRAKING BY ORDER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2 of 2011, UNLESS FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

UPON MOTION OF Alvin R. Woodley , and duly SECONDED by Joseph Hall, Jr. , the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on the 14th day of February 2011 , with the vote as follows:

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

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

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to adopt an Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Article II, Sec. 2-27 (“Salary of Aldermen”) and to provide for related matters. This Ordinance seeks to amend the salary of the Board of Aldermen from \$600.00 monthly to \$800.00. A full Ordinance is recited below:

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 3 OF 2011

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 (“ADMINISTRATION”), ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-27 (“ SALARY of ALDERMEN), AND TO PROVIDE FOR RELATED MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1.

Section 2-27 (“Salary of Aldermen”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

The salary of the Aldermen of the City of Mansfield is hereby fixed at the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800.00), per month.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

UPON MOTION OF Joseph Hall, Jr., and duly SECONDED by Alvin R. Woodley, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on the 14th day of February 2011, with the votes as follows:

YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

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

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the recommendation made by Mayor McCoy to hire **Brian M. Phillips** in a full-time employment status with the City of Mansfield. Mr. Phillips' hire date with the City was **July 2, 2008**. He was originally employed in the capacity of Code Enforcement Officer for the City. However, earlier this year his duties were expanded to also include working the Mayor's court docket system and all matters associated with that function. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the receipt, opening and acceptance of the lowest responsible bid that meets all City specifications for the purchase of a new digital radio system to be installed and used in the Mansfield Police Department. An advertisement for public bids was duly published in the City's official journal (*The Enterprise*) on the dates of January 27th, February 3rd and February 10th. Only one sealed bid was received, opened and read aloud in this council meeting. That bid was received from **Shreveport Communications** located at 933 Stoner Avenue in Shreveport, LA in the amount of **\$38,952.00**. A purchase order number will be assigned for the order of this equipment to be installed by Shreveport Communications. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the advertisement of sealed public bids for improvements to the City's maintenance/storage facility located at 115 Edwards Street. Specifications and a detailed scope of work will be published in the City's local official journal (*The Enterprise*) for the weeks of March 3rd, 10th and 17th. Any sealed bids received will be opened and read aloud at the City Council's March 28th regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the request of **Mr. Dewayne Brumley** for new water service at the corner of CSJ Private Drive and U.S. Highway 171 South in the City of Mansfield. Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, was asked by the council if connectivity to City utilities was available. Mr. Ruffin stated that service could be connected to a 6" main on the West side the highway, which is the same side where Mr. Brumley's property is located. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item H: At this time, **Mr. Tony Clough**, Vice-President of CQMS Razer (formerly Hendrix Manufacturing Company) here in Mansfield was allowed to make a brief presentation. CQMS Razer is the Australian-based company who bought out Hendrix Manufacturing in early 2010. Mr. Clough stood before the Mayor, City Council, and the constituents present to solicit monetary donations to aid flood relief efforts in Brisbane, Australia. Australia's third largest city was hit by a devastating flash flood this year at the beginning of the second week in January. Mr. Clough reported that \$682,000 had been collected from the employees at the plant here, to assist with flood relief in Brisbane. After some discussion, Alderman Troy Terrell stated that at this time the City was not in a position to offer monetary assistance. Because much of the City's reserves had been allocated to funding major infrastructure improvements (both city-wide water and sewer improvements), we would perhaps consider offering assistance to this relief campaign in the near future. It was MOTIONED by **TROY N. TERRELL** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to take Mr. Clough's request under advisement and consideration for possible deliberation at a future date. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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.**, the company performing improvements to the City's water distribution system, is upgraded from 92% (reported at January 24th meeting) to 95%. This company is presently performing water main work at Grove and Norris Streets. He mentioned that there is also main work still to perform on Parkview Street and Woodlawn Avenue. Finally, he reported that work still also remains on the Binning Road, and then further stated that Wicker had begun work on Edwards Street today. **Trenchless Methods, Inc.**, the contractor performing improvements to the City's sewer collection system is approximately 99% complete with their work. They were reported as being 97% at the last council meeting. Basically, he said, they have completed the work outlined in their contract, with the exception of some *punch list* items. The company (**Thielsch Group, Inc.**) contracted to replace water meters city-wide are roughly 80% with their work, up from 78% from the report offered at the

January 24th meeting. They have been on a hiatus since the Thanksgiving holidays, but are back on the job now.

- **Fire Chief Lee Shaver** presented a summary of 2011 statistics to date, with regard to activity in his department: **5** fire calls, **1** EMS call, **3** auto incidents, **1** fuel leak and **1** grass fire.
- **Police Chief Joseph Pratt** thanked the Mayor and City Council for their approval and authorization to purchase the new digital radio system for his department. He felt that it would be a tremendous enhancement to their communication system, especially with their exchange with the parish's Sheriff's department. Additionally, he reported that the number of citations issued since the last council meeting had increased. The officers assigned to daily street patrol are diligent about making certain motorists adhere to City ordinances and other mandates.

During the period for Comments from the Mayor and Council Members, none were offered from either Mayor McCoy or the Council members.

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

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