

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *SPECIAL* PUBLIC MEETING
February 26, 2015

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, February 26th, 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Roy R. Jones.** Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, Roy R. Jones –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and **Kervin D. Campbell** –District **E.** **Absent:** Mary L. Green –District **A.** **Other City Personnel Present:** Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept.), and Richard Johnson, Jr. (City Attorney). **Others Present:** Sherry Brumley and Lovie Thomas. **Press Present:** Julie Morris (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **February 9, 2015 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. 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: Proposed **Ordinance No. 2 of 2015** was introduced, which if adopted, would rezone property municipally known as **995 Jenkins Street** from an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). Petitioner Sherry Brumley (*CSJ Enterprises, Inc.*) appeared before the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 to state that her company’s intentions are to place a portable building on the property to use for office space. Since there were no objections to this petition, the Commission informed Ms. Brumley that a recommendation would be made at the Mansfield City Council’s next scheduled meeting to approve this request. Ms. Brumley was also present at this meeting, and after a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS.** to authorize the advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the March 5th edition of *The Enterprise*, and set the public hearing of same for the March 9th meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: Proposed **Ordinance No. 3 of 2015** was introduced, which if adopted, would rezone property municipally known as **989 Jenkins Street** from an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). Petitioner Sherry Brumley (*CSJ Enterprises, Inc.*) appeared before the Mansfield Planning and Zoning

Commission at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015 to state that her company's intentions are to place a portable building on the property to use for office space. Since there were no objections to this petition, the Commission informed Ms. Brumley that a recommendation would be made at the Mansfield City Council's next scheduled meeting to approve this request. Ms. Brumley was also present at this meeting, and after a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. to authorize the advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the March 5th edition of *The Enterprise*, and set the public hearing of same for the March 9th meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: Proposed **Ordinance No. 4 of 2015** was introduced, which if adopted, would amend Section **10-33** of Chapter **10**, Article **II**, Division **1** of the Mansfield Code of Ordinances as it relates to rates charged for "*Non-Commercial*" garbage collection outside the City's corporate limits. To help defray the expense of collection and disposal of all non-commercial garbage and refuse, a fee of **\$10.00** per month would be levied on residents living outside the City's municipal limits. After a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the March 5th edition of *The Enterprise*, and set the public hearing of same for the March 9th meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Gary Hobbs to offer full-time employment to officer **Lovie L. Thomas** with the Mansfield Police Department. Chief Hobbs stated that Officer Thomas has performed exceptionally well in her capacity as Communications Officer with the Department. Further, she takes the initiative to perform needed tasks that are not necessarily delegated to her and quickly became acclimated to the duties and functions usually assigned to an employee in this capacity. Officer Thomas has been employed with the Police Department since September 29, 2014, and in her brief tenure, has become a very valuable addition to their office personnel. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application for a Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) Grant, which is administered through the state's Office of Community Development/Division of Administration for fiscal year **2014-2015**, and act as Representative and Official Signatory for matters in connection with this grant. If approved, the grant amount awarded would be used primarily to fund improvements to the City's South Mansfield Water Booster Station. Since it was originally constructed 1980, there have been only minor cosmetic repairs/improvements made to it. At this time, more extensive improvements are

badly needed in order to meet all the standards mandated by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. This is one of the Booster Stations relied on to help continue producing clean, potable water for the City's nearly 2,800 water customers. Motion Passed Unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:38 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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