

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
January 28, 2019

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **January 28th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Mayweather 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 **Alderwoman Mary J. Green.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. John Mayweather, Sr., **-Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D.** **Absent:** Christopher S. Thomas –District **B** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **City Hall Personnel & Dept. Heads Present:** Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer and Water Billing Clerk) and Billy Locke (Detective –Mansfield Police Dept.). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **January 14, 2019 *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 none were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (C.E.A.) between the City and the **DeSoto Parish Police Jury** (D.P.P.J.) for the reception of an appropriation from the Police Jury intended to promote tourism and economic development in Mansfield and in DeSoto Parish. The D.P.P.J. through the C.E.A. will donate \$5,000 to the City to assist with expenses associated with the City’s 2018 Christmas Parade and Festival. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business.

New Business: None.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, the Mayor did not offer any comments. However, Alderwoman Green commented that she recalled at a previous council meeting that Alderman Chris Thomas voiced his desire to schedule a “work session” (workshop) for the Mayor and Aldermen to discuss goals and the general direction of the City for the future. For this type session, proper notice must be extended to the public and an agenda prepared. Though not a ‘regular meeting’ per se, but because a quorum of the public body would be present, this session would still need to comply with the LA Open Meetings Law (R.S. 42:11 – R.S. 42:28). Since this type of assembly would be held to discuss business that would potentially impact the lives of some of the City’s constituents, it is required by law that it is open to the public.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:44 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*