

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
January 10, 2011

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, January 10th**, 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 Troy N. Terrell.** 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**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D.** **Absent:** Alvin R. Woodley – District **E.** **Press Present:** Kriston Newsom (*The Enterprise*).

It was **MOTIONED** by **G. B. HALL III** and **SECONDED** by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the minutes of the **December 28, 2010 regular City Council meeting** and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was **MOTIONED** by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and **SECONDED** by **TROY N. TERRELL** 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 for any agenda items, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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 currently 90% complete with their work. They were reported as being 87% complete at the December 28, 2010 meeting. Also, as previously reported at the December 28th meeting, this contractor is still working in the Hillsdale Subdivision—specifically on Grove and Norris Streets. **Trenchless Methods, Inc.**, the contractor performing improvements to the City's sewer collection system is approximately 95% complete with their work. This percentage is up from 90% complete reported at the November 22, 2010 council meeting. Additional work will be performed by this contractor on Johnson and Jenkins Streets as approved via a change order (#4) at the council's December 28th meeting. The company (**Thielsch Group, Inc.**) contracted to replace water meters city-wide remains at 75% complete with their work, as reported at the November 22nd council meeting. Further meter installation has been interrupted because an order for additional equipment has been delayed. The equipment on back order will allow water meter readers the capability of retrieving data '*in the field*' without

having to come into City Hall for that purpose. The delivery date for this equipment is presently not known.

- **Fire Chief Lee Shaver** informed the council that he and one of senior firefighters (Jonathan Wadkins) had recently completed an electrical safety class. Another of the department's firefighters had recently enrolled in a fire pump maintenance class. These classes are necessary as part of the departments' on-going certification requirements.
- **Police Chief Joseph Pratt** reported that during the holidays, the department made extra effort to be more visible in their patrol of the city—especially with increased surveillance of commercial businesses and area retail outlets. This extra effort paid off in the form of four (4) arrests made for shoplifting and the issuance of citations for various other misdemeanors.

During the period for Comments from the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy asked the City Clerk to apprise the Council on the status of the intersection improvements project at U.S. Hwy. 84 and LA Hwy. 175. The Clerk reported that during a recent conversation with **Ms. Shanna House**, a right-of-way agent with the DOTDs Shreveport Office, he was informed that the let date for this project is Tuesday, January 26th. This is the date that bids will be received, opened and a construction contract awarded to the lowest responsive bidder for this project. A Letter to Proceed is customarily issued within thirty (30) days after the let date. She then further commented that construction is slated to begin by at least March 1st, or shortly thereafter. Next, Mayor McCoy asked the Clerk to be prepared to provide an update to the Council of renovation plans for the old DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center at the next regular meeting. Owners of the complex had promised to renovate it after the City's performed certain improvements to the sewer collection system there. Now that the improvements have been completed, the Council would like to know what the owners' time table will be for revitalizing that shopping center.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting **adjourned at 4:42 p.m.**, by **MOTION** from **TROY N. TERRELL** and was **SECONDED** by **G. B. HALL III**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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