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City of Mansfield

MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

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The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, January 11th, in Mansfield City Hall, located at 705 Polk Street. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mayor McCoy, after which an Invocation was offered by Alderman G. B. Hall III. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis. The roll was called by the City Clerk and the following were Present: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District A, J. Dudley Kemper –District B, Mitchell L. Lewis –District C, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District D, and Alvin R. Woodley –District E. Absent: None. Press: Cynthia “Cindy” Williams (The Enterprise) Others present: Rev. Roy Jones (City Chaplain), James “Jim” Ruffin (City’s Public Works Director), John Freeman (CLECO Corp.), Paul A. Pratt and Katie McCullin (Chesapeake Energy Corp.), Clay Baskin (Twin Cities Development), LaBetha Casey (U.S. Census Recruiting Agent) and A. J. Williams, Jr. (member of Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission).

It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2009 regular city council meeting and to dispense with the reading. The City’s December 28th regular meeting was cancelled since no quorum was present. Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III. and SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY to pay current outstanding bills for the current period. 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 none were offered the Public Comments Period was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED by G. B. HALL III to approve Change Order No. One (1) as submitted by contractor Ronald G. Carlson for Phase 5 of

the Sidewalk Improvements Project. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of \$1,730.00 thereby increasing the original contract price of \$18,840.00 to \$20,570.00. Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve and authorize the advertisement of bids for the Wastewater Collection System Extensions/Improvements at the DeSoto Plaza Shopping Plaza. An advertisement is expected to be published for the first time in the January 18th edition of The Enterprise. Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

Item A: A presentation was offered by Chesapeake Energy Corporation representatives Katie McCullin and Paul Pratt, along with Clay Baskin, a representative of Twin Cities Development (one of Chesapeake's leasing agents). The representatives were in attendance to present to the Mayor and City Council a framed, miniature version of the billboards that have been placed along several interstate highways. A photo of the Mayor, City Council and representatives of Chesapeake and Twin Cities was choreographed by The Enterprise's editor, Cindy Williams. The framed art will be placed conspicuously in the lobby area of City Hall. Mayor McCoy expressed thanks to these companies for underwriting this effort in promotion of Mansfield as a growing city, through the installation of a series of well-placed billboards.

Item B: A presentation was offered by LaBetha Casey, as a recruiting agent for the 2010 U. S. Census Bureau. She informed those present that there are part-time positions available with this initiative that should run from January to May 2010. Some positions will provide enough work to last until late summer. Available positions include census takers, crew leaders, crew leader assistants, recruiting assistants and census clerks. Persons interested in any of the positions would be subject to testing and training. Tests are administered one to two times per week at all four DeSoto Parish libraries. The Census Bureau covers all training expenses, offers a salary for the positions available and provides a travel allowance reimbursement.

During the Comments Period for the Mayor and Council members, Mayor McCoy remarked that the City ended 2009 in a strong, healthy financial position. With the continued prudent management by the Mayor and City Council of the City's financial affairs, 2010 should also result with the municipality in sound financial shape.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m., by MOTION from JOSEPH HALL, JR. and was SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY. Passed Unanimously.

Curtis W. McCoy, Mayor

Marvin R. Jackson, City Clerk
