

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
January 12, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, January 12th**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis.** 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**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D.** **Absent:** Mary L. Green –District **A** and **Kervin D. Campbell** –District **E.** **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:** None. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **ROY R. JONES** to approve the minutes of the **December 22, 2014 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading, with the following amendment noted –The minutes of the December 22nd meeting did not reflect that District E Alderman Kervin Campbell, was present. Thus, the minutes of this meeting were approved noting that one amendment. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. 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: At this time, an Ordinance drafted by the city’s attorney was distributed and then introduced by the clerk to the City Council regarding the selling, handling, distributing or otherwise dispensing of alcoholic beverages in “***Restaurants Only***” within the corporate limits of the City of Mansfield, LA. However, because of the nature and scope of the Ordinance with regard to this issue, the Mayor requested that the Aldermen peruse the contents of the document and be ready to further discuss any necessary revisions at the next regular City Council meeting. Therefore, no action was taken to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance or to set the required public hearing. To help regulate some of the requirements stipulated in the Ordinance draft, it will be necessary to appoint an Alcohol Control Board. It was determined that there may be other policies and procedures that must also be implemented before this Ordinance can be formally adopted. It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to take this matter under advisement and possibly further discuss at the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen or at a near future meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business was discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:54 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*