

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**January 13, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 G. B. Hall III**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell. –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Richard Johnson, Jr. (City Attorney). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr. (Vice-Pres. of Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission) and Ron Smith, Sr. (CLECO Power, LLC) **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **December 30, 2013 special** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** 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. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

**Old Business:**

**Item A:** At this time, a public hearing was conducted to discuss and hear any comments related to the adoption of a Proposed Ordinance introduced on 12/09/13, and titled, “***An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Ord. No. 4 of 1980, by Classifying “Modular Building” and “Portable Building”, When Used as a Residential Unit, as a Use Requiring Zoning Approval, and Setting a Minimum Size for Said Building.***” Adoption of this Ordinance would definitively require the petitioner to seek approval from the Mansfield Zoning & Planning Commission before situating such buildings in a residentially zoned area. Further, it would also mandate that such buildings be of new construction, be at least a minimum of 12’ X 24’ in size, and not be built on site. When no comments were offered on this issue, the public hearing was then closed.

**Item B:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the adoption of Proposed Ordinance No. 1 of 2014 titled, “***An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Ord. No. 4 of 1980, by Classifying “Modular Building” and “Portable Building”, When Used as a Residential Unit, as a Use Requiring Zoning Approval, and Setting a Minimum Size for Said Building.***” Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

**CITY OF MANSFIELD  
ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2014**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 1980, BY CLASSIFYING “MODULAR BUILDING” AND “PORTABLE BUILDING”, WHEN USED AS A RESIDENTIAL UNIT, AS A USE REQUIRING ZONING APPROVAL, AND SETTING A MINIMUM SIZE FOR SAID BUILDING

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, Parish of DeSoto, in regular session convened:

**SECTION 1.**

Ordinance No. 4 of 1980, Section 1, entitled “DEFINITIONS”, is amended by adding the following:

“**PORTABLE BUILDING.** Any building, metal, wood, or other construction material, which is not built on site.”

“**MODULAR BUILDING.** Any building, metal, wood or other construction material, which is not built on site.”

**SECTION 2.**

Ordinance No. 4 of 1980, Section II, Part B.1.a(2) (R-1 District) entitled “Uses Requiring Zoning Approval” is amended by adding the following:

“Portable Building, when used as a single-family residential unit”

“Modular Building, when used as a single-family residential unit”

**SECTION 3.**

Each portable building or modular building must be of new construction with a minimum size of twelve feet by twenty-four feet (12 X 24) or a minimum square footage of two hundred eighty-eight (288) square feet.

**SECTION 4.**

This ordinance was introduced at the Council meeting on December 9, 2013, with public notice advertised on January 2, 2014.

SECTION 5.

Ordinance becomes effective on January 31, 2014

SECTION 6.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith shall hereby be rescinded.  
UPON MOTION OF ALDERMAN Joseph Hall, Jr., seconded by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on the 13th day of January, 2014, with the following votes:

AYES: 5  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

/s/ Curtis W. McCoy, Mayor  
/s/ Marvin R. Jackson, Clerk

**New Business:** None.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy opened the floor to Mr. Ron Smith, Sr. of CLECO Power, LLC to formally introduce himself to the Council and attendees. Mr. Smith moved from Pineville, LA to Mansfield in November 2013 to replace John Freeman and serve as a CLECO agent for the Northern operating area in Principal Governmental Services. The Mayor and Council welcomed him and wished him well in his new position. Following the introduction of Mr. Smith, Mayor McCoy stated that in the near future he plans, with the Council's approval, to request that members of our local delegation introduce legislation in the 2014 Legislative Session allowing the governing authority to submit to registered voters located within the municipal boundaries, a proposition to determine whether or not the business of selling alcoholic beverages in "**restaurants only**" may be conducted and licensed within the incorporated limits of the City of Mansfield. Allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages in local eateries would significantly increase the City's revenue stream. Passage of

such legislation could also potentially attract new businesses to Mansfield—specifically those desiring to include alcohol on their dinner menus as a beverage choice. The Mayor first informally polled each council member, asking for their opinion on the matter. All aldermen present were in favor of moving forward with this proposition. Other attendants at this meeting were also allowed to voice their opinion on this issue. All those present spoke in favor of this measure. A formal resolution will be offered for adoption at the January 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting, authorizing and directing the Mayor to commence with the steps necessary to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages in “*restaurants only*” located within the City’s corporate limits.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:49 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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