

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
January 14, 2013

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, January 14th**, 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 oral 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 Cynthia T. Cruse –District **E.** **Absent:** None. **Other City Personnel Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), and Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), **Others Present:** The following representing the Friends of the Mansfield Female College Museum: Judson Rives, Marcia Calhoun, Valda Barry, Rowena Anderson, Linda Vidler and Jean Hall, Rita Myles, and Percy Myles. **Press Present:** Julie Morris (*The Enterprise*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the minutes of the **December 26, 2012 *special*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to pay 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: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application for a grant through the **Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF)** for fiscal year 2012/2013 and act as Official Signatory for all matters in connection therewith. A raw water intake pump at the City’s Stanley Water Booster Station is in need of repair or replacement in order to continue pumping raw water to its Water Treatment Facility. The funds, if awarded, will also assist with the replacement of various expansion joints connected to the pump. The existing expansion joints are over 30 years old, have dry-rotted and are in dire need of replacement. The proposed improvements will allow the City to continue providing clean, potable water to its 2,800 customers and more than 7,100 persons who rely on our distribution system as their water source. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall)

Item B: At this time, a presentation was made by the Friends of the Mansfield Female College Museum to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen thanking them for their continued support of the Friends Board’s mission of restoring the Clista A. Calhoun Center for the use and enjoyment of

all the City's residents. On behalf of the Friends Board, Mr. Judson Rives presented a Proclamation to the Mayor and Aldermen in gratitude for the City's efforts in helping to preserve the historic building; thereby building awareness of the City's heritage and history. Also, Mr. Rives announced an upcoming Mardi Gras event scheduled for Friday, February 1st at the Clista A. Calhoun Center. The event is being hosted by the Friends of the Mansfield Female College and will feature music by *The Gnarly Brothers Band*. Further, the event will introduce the newly formed KREWE of DeSOTO in the first ever Mardi Gras celebration in Mansfield. Tickets are \$20.00 each with Mardi Gras attire suggested, but not required. Finally, Linda Vidler made a request to the City for assistance in underwriting the cost of hosting the event. Total cost of the event is estimated at \$4,000.00. The Friends Board has already secured support from the DeSoto Parish Tourist Bureau in the amount of \$1,000.00. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve a donation of \$1,000.00 to this organization by the City by entering into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement. The actual, written agreement will be introduced to the Council for formal approval at the January 28th regular council meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy commented that the City experienced a lot of positive changes and growth in 2012, especially with regard to infrastructure improvements, and more are slated for 2013.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:47 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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