

CITY OF MANSFIELD
MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
January 18, 2011

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, January 18th, 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 Troy N. Terrell. 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: **Present:** Honorable 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 Alvin R. Woodley - District **E**. **Absent:** None. **Press Present:** Kriston Newsom (*The Enterprise*) and Vickie Welborn (*The Times*).

The Public Comments Period was opened by Mayor McCoy to hear any public comments from those in attendance with regard to the sole item up for discussion on the meeting agenda. When no public comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

This special meeting was called to discuss the purchase of a new digital radio communications system for use in the Mansfield Police Department. The cost of 18 hand-held radios (to include attachments, installation, programming, and multiple-year warranties) is estimated at well over \$30,000. The current system is in below average condition, is somewhat antiquated, and if not upgraded, will be incommunicable with the system the parish's Sheriff's Department is presently installing. Management personnel at the Mansfield Police Department were recently informed that the Sheriff's Department will soon be installing a new radio system, and continued communication with that office is essential to the daily operations of our Police Department. Additionally, the new system will be capable of tracking the location of patrol cars at all times, Mayor McCoy said. Further, several quotes received from a dealer specializing in the sale of this type of equipment, indicate that the cost of such a system will be in excess of \$30,000.00. According to Louisiana's Public Bid Law, when the purchase of equipment such as this is \$30,000 or greater, it must be advertised for public bid. After a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to authorize the advertisement of bids for the purchase of a new digital radio communications system for use in the Mansfield Police Department. Motion Passed Unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m. by MOTION from JOSEPH HALL, JR. with motion SECONDED by G. B. HALL III. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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