

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
January 26, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, January 26th**, 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 Roy R. Jones**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** 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**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and **Kervin D. Campbell** –District **E**. **Absent:** Mary L. Green –District **A**. **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:** A. J. Williams, Jr. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **January 12, 2015 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. 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:

Item A: A draft of Ordinance No. 1 of 2015 was first introduced at the City Council’s regular meeting held on Monday, January 12th, but was only briefly discussed and later taken under advisement. The council took no action to authorize advertisement of the Ordinance draft as it was presented; nor did they set a public hearing to discuss or hear any comments related to same. After distribution to those Councilmen present, Mayor McCoy simply suggested that they each further review the Ordinance draft and then return to the next regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen with any suggested edits or amendments. This Ordinance, once adopted, will amend all of Chapter 3 of the City’s Code of Ordinances. Since the January 12th meeting, this Ordinance has undergone a major revision. The original draft placed the responsibility of permit issuance, regulation and enforcement of the requirements of this Ordinance in the hands of the DeSoto Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission. However, after further consideration, it was amended to shift these responsibilities, and a host of others, to the City Clerk, the Mansfield Police Department, the Mayor and the Mansfield Board of Aldermen. After additional brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the February 5th edition of *The Enterprise*, and set the public hearing of same for the February 9th meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business discussed.

New Business: None.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:37 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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