

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 13, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **July 13th**, via *teleconference* due to the current State of Emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas**. Following the pledge, the clerk called the roll to record those council members in attendance. Following the pledge, the clerk asked each council member on the *teleconference* to confirm their participation by signifying a verbal ‘present’ as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: None. **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the minutes of the **June 22, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** 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/participating to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Constituents had been invited to participate in the meeting with regard to public comments using the method of either emailing, faxing or phoning in any public comments they wanted to offer during the Public Comments Period. Since no comments were received by any of the methods outlined above, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve a **Resolution** adopting a Residential Anti=Displacement & Relocation Assistance Plan as a requirement for all grant recipients of funds through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) program for fiscal year 2020-2021. By adopting this Plan, the City of Mansfield agrees to provide relocation assistance to each low/moderate-income household displaced by the demolition of housing or by the conversion of a low/moderate-income dwelling to another use as a result of assisted activities funded under the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. However, consistent with the goals and objectives of activities assisted under the Act, the City will take certain steps to

minimize the displacement of persons from their homes and businesses from their properties. This public facilities project (proposed improvements to the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection System) will be designed so that there is no displacement of any residential or business occupants. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the Mayor to execute an Act of Donation and Acceptance document for the conveyance of a parcel of land containing 0.032 acres, more or less where the refurbished '*Home of Nabors Trailers*' neon sign will be situated. The donors of the approximate 0.032 acres, commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 5, in the City of Mansfield, are Brian and Donna McCrae, who currently reside in Shreveport, Louisiana. However, it should be mentioned that Mr. McCrae has had a law practice for years in Mansfield that is located next to our parish Chamber of Commerce office on Washington Avenue. Finally, once the refurbished sign is situated on the donated property, the City will bear the cost of keeping the sign illuminated. The provider of electricity for the sign will be Central Louisiana Electric Company (**CLECO**). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Mayor Mayweather reminded the council members of the impending city-wide cleanup initiative, scheduled for Saturday, July 18th from 7:30 a.m. Until 10:30 a.m. Bottled water will be provided to all the participants of the event and refreshments served at the conclusion of the cleanup period. Next, Alderman Lewis commended the Mansfield Police Department for providing extra patrol in the Mansfield Housing Projects as a means to deter incidents of recent '*drag racing*' on certain streets located within the complex. He further commented that the speed bumps recently installed along Martin Luther King Drive will undoubtedly help to slow motorists who are traversing through this densely populated neighborhood.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:46 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*