

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 26, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **July 26th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. 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 **Aldерwoman Mary J. Green**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However the following officials were recorded as in attendance at this regular meeting of the city council. **Present:** Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent:** Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn S. Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief). Others Present: John Barr (Regional Director in U.S. Senator John Kennedy’s office), Riemer Calhoun, Jr. and Marcia Calhoun **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **July 12, 2021 *regular*** City Council meeting and 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 public comments were offered from any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 2 of 2021**, drafted to change zoning at **167 Riemer Calhoun Circle** from a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District) to an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) at the request of petitioner **Marcia C. Calhoun** (representing ***City Park Development, LLC***) for the purpose of developing 11 lots at the aforementioned address for planned residential use. At this time Mrs. **Calhoun** rose to comment that potential home buyers approached her and her husband expressing interest to purchase the lots even before the petitioner to rezone the real estate was submitted to the Zoning Commission. This is the first residential development to be constructed in the city limits in quite a number of years. The Mayor and City Council members all expressed how excited they all were about this new development, as are the citizenry as a whole. When no other comments were voiced during the public hearing, the hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt **Ordinance No. 2 of 2021** drafted to change zoning at **167 Riemer Calhoun Circle** from a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District) to an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) at the request of petitioner **Marcia C. Calhoun** (representing ***City Park Development, LLC***) for the purpose of developing 11 lots at the aforementioned address for

planned residential use. After publication, the **Ordinance** will officially become effective on August 15, 2021. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other old business.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to execute a Preliminary Engagement Letter with **Crews & Associates, Inc.** (Little Rock, AR) to assist the City with the proposed refinancing of our Limited Tax Refunding Bond Series 2011 to secure a more favorable interest rate on this type of Fixed Rate Municipal Bond. It should be noted that currently the City has three separate bond issues, two Sales Tax Refunding Bonds (Series 2010B & Series 2011) and one Limited Tax Refunding Bond (Series 2011). The intent with the refinancing of these three bond issues into one is to reduce future interest expense and other debt service expenses.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt a Resolution making application to the Louisiana State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance of not exceeding \$3,700,000 of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds 2021 of the City of Mansfield. This amount would be the aggregate total of the City's three bond issues on the books presently. It should be noted that the aforementioned amount may be adjusted; as the final bond amount may be less once they are sold and delivered. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the renewal of a **Louisiana Commercial Lease Agreement** between the City of Mansfield and **Allie B. Campbell** (d/b/a *Campbell's Soul Café*) for a 24-month term commencing on August 1, 2021 and terminating on July 31, 2023. The café's physical address is 808 Louise Street. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

During comments for the Mayor and Council members, the Mayor did not offer any. However, Alderman Campbell implored everyone eligible to get vaccinated to do so during the increasing spread of the Delta variant associated with the continued COVID-19 pandemic. Later, Alderwoman Green inquired about the actions taken by management against a police officer who was recently involved in an auto accident. Assistant Police Chief Billy Locke stood to report and assure the Council that in this matter, the appropriate disciplinary actions had been taken. With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:58 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY J. GREEN** and was SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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