

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 27, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **July 27th**, 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. 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**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **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 **July 13, 2020 *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/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 **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the hosting of a public event by the organization, *Mansfield in Motion*, on Saturday, October 31, 2020 at the gazebo mini-park located at the corner of Jefferson Street and Polk Street. The organizers are calling the event, “The Polk Street Pop-Up Market”, and it is being advertised as a one-day event, commencing in the early morning hours until mid-afternoon. Gardeners, crafters, makers, bakers, and food vendors are all being invited to participate in this event intended for the enjoyment of the community-at-large. Event organizers assured the Mayor and Aldermen that they intend to comply with all state and city guidelines with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. Should inclement weather or other factors dictate closure of the event; the community will be notified utilizing all common and popular forms of media (newspaper, social media platforms, phone calls, etc.). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, as city-wide cleanup efforts continue, Alderman Joseph Hall cited that the grass along sidewalks in the front (Washington Ave.) and on the side (along Gibbs Street) of the former *Market Basket Store* were in need of maintenance. They are overgrown and the grass needs to be cut. Also, Alderman Christopher Thomas cited that a similar situation exists in front the former *Dairy Mark* and *Quick Change Oil & Lube*. The grass near the street line and along the sidewalk needs maintenance. There are other instances of needed maintenance throughout the city, for both residential and commercial properties. However, it should be noted that this is especially true for commercial properties which are no longer open or buildings no longer occupied. The clerk assured the Council that the city's Street Department personnel would be apprised of these observations and will work to keep these areas and others like it, regularly maintained.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:50 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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