

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
July 26, 2010

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, July 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 Troy N. Terrell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Alvin R. Woodley. Following the pledge, the roll was called by the City Clerk and these officials were recorded as **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, Troy N. Terrell – District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: G. B. Hall III –District **A** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Press Present**: Coleman Robison (**The Enterprise**) and Vickie Welborn (**The Times**).

It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve the minutes of the **July 12, 2010** regular city council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. When none were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS and SECONDED by TROY N. TERRELL to approve a Resolution adopting the 2010 property tax millages for levying on the 2010 DeSoto Parish assessment roll (general alimony -**8.150** mills/general expenses -**8.460** mills). This issue was first discussed at the council's June 14th meeting, and a Resolution was adopted at that time, along with an Affidavit. However, when these documents were submitted to the State Legislative Auditor's office by the DeSoto Parish Tax Assessor, the packet was not approved. When adopting millages each year, the meeting agenda, a Resolution and an Affidavit is submitted to the Office of the Legislative Auditor in Baton Rouge for review. Unacceptable wording on the meeting agenda caused the packet to be rejected and resulted in the City Council having to pass the Resolution and Affidavit again. Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item B. It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and seconded by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission to grant the request of **Citizens National Bank** (represented by Mr. Woody Schick and Mrs. Jane Leone) to place a portable building at **94 Polk Street** to be used for commercial purposes. This building will only be a temporary facility until the bank's contractor can construct a permanent building at this same location. The site's legal description is recited as:
COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 33, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF EDWARDS STREET, AND PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 154.24 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID NORTH LINE WITH THE WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COMMERCE STREET, AS RECORDED IN CONVEYANCE BOOK 250, PAGE 59 OF THE RECORDS OF DESOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA AND THE

POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 146.46 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE PROCEED NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MIN 13 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 132.00 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 0.70 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 00 DEGREES 32 MIN 13 SEC EAST A DISTANCE OF 31.36 FEET TO THE SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY 84; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38 MIN 24 SEC EAST ALONG SAID SOUTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 145.27 FEET TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID RIGHT OF WAY WITH SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY OF COMMERCE STREET, THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 00 DEGREES 21 MIN 57 SEC WEST ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT OF WAY DISTANCE OF 163.68 CONT. 0.548 ACRES

COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 33, SAID POINT BEING ON THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF EDWARDS STREET, AND PROCEED SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 300.70 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; CONTINUE THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC WEST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY AND EXTENSION THEROF A DISTANCE OF 140.40 FEET THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF US HIGHWAY 171; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 30 DEGREES 50 MIN 06 SEC EAST ALONG SAID EASTERLY RIGHT KOF WAY A DISTANCE OF 73.65 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 21 DEGREES 44 MIN 59 SEC EAST ALONG SAID EATERLY RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 91.26 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF US. HIGHWAY 84; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 78 DEGREES 37 MIN 17 SEC EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY 71.75 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 89 DEGREES 38 MIN 24 SEC EAST ALONG SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY A DISTANCE OF 0.71 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID NORTH RIGHT OF WAY PROCEED SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MIN 13 MIN WEST A DISTANCE OF 31.36 FEET; THENCE PROCEED NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MIN 50 SEC WEST A DISTANCE OF 0.70 FEET; THENCE PROCEED SOUTH 00 DEGREES 32 MIN 13 SEC WEST, A DISTANCE OF 132.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONT. 0.359 ACRES. BOTH TRACTS CONT. 0.907 ACRES (**94 POLK STREET**) Passed Unanimously.

Item C. It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to authorize the Mayor to make application through the US Department of Justice for the **2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)** for the purchase of police equipment for the Mansfield Police Department. Passed Unanimously.

Item D. Next on the agenda was a presentation by Ms. **Shanna House** of the LA Dept. of Transportation and Development (Shreveport office) regarding intersection improvements at US Highway 84 and LA Highways 175 and 509. Ms. House appeared to apprise the Mayor, the city council and the citizens of the status of the impending improvements to this extremely busy thoroughfare. She began by informing meeting attendants that this project will be constructed in two (2) phases, which was the only way to get the project fully funded, House said. The first phase is slated to be let in September, with construction anticipated to commence by early December. This schedule allows for all paperwork to be submitted to the appropriate agencies/offices of the LA DOTD. This phase will add a dedicated right turn lane from Highway

175 onto Highway 84. Work on the first phase is expected to take up to four months. However, winter weather could add some delays. The second phase is not scheduled for bid letting until July 2011, with construction set to commence by October of that same year. This phase will add a right lane off of Highway 84 onto Highway 175 at the Sonic Drive-In corner. Mayor McCoy did remark that he was somewhat disappointed that both turn lanes were not being constructed at the same time. He is in fear of the second phase being abolished if highway officials see an improvement after the first phase is completed. Both projects are estimated to cost roughly \$765,000. At the end her presentation, Ms. House fielded a few questions from citizens with other highway concerns. The Mayor and Council thanked Ms. House for her presentation.

Next on the agenda was the reception of reports from the City's Department Heads. Public Works Director, **Jim Ruffin**, was first up to report on the status of the various contractors performing infrastructure improvements in the City. Phase 1 of Water Distribution System Improvements is well on its to completion. To date, Wicker Construction, Inc. is roughly 55% complete with their work. Another contractor, TGS Contractors, Inc. was contracted by the City to install three (3) emergency generators at various specified locations. At this point, they have installed two (2) generators –one at the Stanley Booster Station and the other at the South Mansfield Booster Station. The third generator for the water treatment plant at Toledo Bend is slated for installation in approximately three weeks. Trenchless Methods, Inc., the contractor awarded the contract for city-wide improvements to our wastewater collection system, is about 80% complete. Thielsch Group, Inc. was awarded the contract to install new water meters throughout a large percentage of the City. To date, they have installed 1800 meters and are roughly 30% complete with their work. The new meters will provide much more accurate water consumption readings and make obtaining the readings a much faster process. Finally, Milco Utilities, Inc., the contractor awarded a construction contract for improvements to the sewer system at the DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center, is approximately 20% with this project. They have been given a scheduled completion date of August 19, 2010. The next department head to report was Fire Chief, **Lee Shaver**. Chief Shaver informed the Council that the new fire pumper truck purchased in January had recently been involved in an accident. In the evening hours on Saturday, July 24th, the fire truck has struck by an oil field truck. Presently the total cost of damages to the truck is unknown. Finally reporting was Police Chief, **Don English** who reported that he and Captain Gary Hobbs had recently attended an annual Police Chief's Conference for continuing education credits. Some of the topics covered at the conference included, ethics codes, working vehicular accidents and writing traffic tickets.

During the **Comment Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy paused to recognize the upcoming National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday, August 3rd. A proclamation issued from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen was presented to the organization, '*Citizens United for a Better Mansfield*' (CUBM) declaring August 3rd as **National Night Out Day**. This organization will work in conjunction with the aldermen in each

voting district. Each alderman was allocated \$200 to purchase foodstuffs and other supplies for hosting a National Night Out block party in their respective districts.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m., by MOTION from ALVIN R. WOODLEY and was SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS. Passed Unanimously.

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