

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 27, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, July 27th**, 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 Mary L. Green**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **Mayor**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Roy R. Jones –District **B**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Brian Phillips (Court Clerk). Others Present: George Apperson, Tom Scott, Abel Flores, Alex Montgomery, Rev. Kathy Fitzhugh and John Milkovich. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **July 16, 2015 *special*** 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 public hearing was conducted to discuss and hear any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 8 of 2015**, which if enacted, would change the name of a private drive constructed for public access and located at the north entrance of the Clista A. Calhoun Center, from **Brown Road** to **Ricky Bob Lane**. The access road will be named in honor of **Richard Robert Brown**, who is deceased and was the younger brother of local attorney, Mr. D. Scott Brown. When no comments or concerns were voiced, the public hearing was then closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve adoption **Ordinance No. 8 of 2015** to change the name of a private drive from **Brown Road** to **Ricky Bob Lane**. This Ordinance was introduced at the City Council's *special* meeting held on Thursday, July 16th. The full Ordinance will be published once and will appear in the August 6th edition of *The Enterprise*. It will officially become effective on August 15th. Motioned Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

CITY of MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 8 OF 2015

AN ORDINANCE TO NAME A PRIVATE DRIVE LOCATED
WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS
IN MEMORY OF MR. **RICHARD ROBERT BROWN**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, Parish of DeSoto, State of Louisiana, in *regular* session convened:

SECTION 1.

Pursuant to a public hearing held on July 16, 2015, subsequent to notice by publication thereof, in order to honor the memory of Mr. **Richard Robert Brown**, deceased brother of local attorney, Mr. D. Scott Brown, a private drive for public access constructed at the North entrance from Polk Street, to the parking lot of the Clista A. Calhoun Center be named RICKY BOB LANE.

SECTION 2.

The private drive constructed by a contractor secured by the Clista A. Calhoun Center is for public access to their facility and shall be maintained by the property owner.

SECTION 3.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4.

The Ordinance was introduced on July 16, 2015, at a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen, with notice of public hearing advertising title of Ordinance published on July 23, 2015.

SECTION 5.

Ordinance becomes effective August 15, 2015.

UPON MOTION OF ALDERMAN Joseph Hall, Jr., and seconded by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, the above and foregoing Ordinance was adopted on the 27th day of July, 2015, with the votes as follows:

YEAS: 4 (M. Green, M. Lewis, J. Hall, Jr., K. Campbell)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 1 (R. Jones)
ABSTAIN: 0

Item C: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to accept all the high bidders who submitted sealed bids for the City's **2015 Surplus Equipment Sale**. The bids were received, opened and read aloud at the City Council's *special* meeting held on Thursday, July 16th, and taken under advisement. High bids were received from **Dwayne Brumley** of *Brumley Development, L.L.C.* for Item #1 (2005 Ford Crown Victoria) in the amount of **\$1,588.00**, Item #2 (2003 Ford Crown Victoria) in the amount of **\$1,251.00**, and Item #3 (2007 Ford Crown Victoria) in the amount of **\$858.00**. For Item #3 (1982 Impt. Trailer) the high bidder was Mr. **O. B. Wadkins** with a bid of **\$451.30**, and finally for Items #5 (2001 Dodge 1-Ton Pickup Truck) and #6 (2001 Dodge ¾-Ton Pickup Truck), Mr. **Isaac Cooper** submitted the highest bids at **\$600.00**, respectively. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve authorization for the Mayor to enter into and execute a Lease Agreement by and between the *DeSoto Parish Police Jury* and the *City of Mansfield* for the purpose of providing the land with which to situate and maintain a shelter for the homeless. The City owns an unimproved, vacant lot on **Pea Street**. For the use of the City's approximate ¼-acre, the Police Jury will provide a shelter to the homeless citizens of the City, the Parish or of the State, and will be responsible for all maintenance of said shelter and the payment of any and all utilities associated with the structure. The Police Jury further agrees that any additions, alterations or improvements to the site will be made at their expense. Finally, the Police Jury shall maintain a policy of general liability insurance on the property and will hold harmless the City of Mansfield from and against all fines, claims, suits, actions, etc. filed against the Police Jury or its agents, employees, and the like. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, the floor was surrendered to Mr. **Tom Scott** (an Atmos Energy representative) and to Mr. **Abel Flores** (representing J. F. Construction, Inc.) for presentation to the Mayor and Council, a status report of their on-going upgrade work to existing natural gas lines throughout the City of Mansfield. These representatives first appeared at the April 13th regular City Council meeting to inform the Mayor and Aldermen of their impending plans to upgrade their appurtenances throughout the City. Approximately 90 days ago, upgrades had commenced and involved services on Pegues Street, Laura Street, North Hills Drive and other thoroughfares. Mr. Scott reported that to-date the utility contractor (J. F. Construction) had replaced or upgraded an approximate total of 12,000 feet of existing gas lines which encompasses nine (9) city streets and impacts roughly 70 – 75 services. The next street targeted for upgrades will be services and service lines on Elizabeth Street. These representatives will visit again soon to offer a progress report on their work.

Item D: The final item of new business was a presentation from Mr. **John Milkovich**, who requested inclusion of the agenda to formally introduce himself to the Mayor and Aldermen and to announce his candidacy for the Louisiana State Senate in District #38. Mr. Milkovich distributed his push cards to the attendants shortly before the start of the council meeting. He presented himself as a religious, family man and stated that the same basic principles in life that are important to the average citizen is also important to him—a quality education for our children, the creation of more and better jobs for the unemployed, the promotion of economic growth, the abolition of Common Core in schools, and fair treatment to all constituents no matter their socio-economic status. He commented that these were just a few of his beliefs and position on the issues that should matter to every American. The Mayor and Councilmen welcomed him and wished him well on all of his political endeavors and on his bid for this Senate seat.

Item E: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:45 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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