City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 9, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, July 9th,** 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.** The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A,** Troy N. Terrell -District **B,** Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E.** **Absent**: None. Others Present: James *"Jim"* Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Richard Johnson, Jr. ((City Attorney) and Gerald Schirmer (Architect –Alliance, Inc.) **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **June 25, 2012** ***regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to pay current outstanding bills for this period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a Resolution adopting the 2012 property tax millage rates for levying on the 2012 tax roll (general alimony **-8.070 mills**/general expenses **-8.370 mills**). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a ***Certificate of Substantial Completion*** dated June 8, 2012 as submitted by **Industrial Research, Inc.** (I.R.C.) for the South Mansfield Water Booster Station Chemical Injection System. In April 2011, the City was awarded a $35,000.00 grant through the state's **Community Water Enrichment Fund** administered by the Office of Community Development. The final construction cost for this project totaled $35,535.00, plus $3,000.00 for engineering services. The amount that exceeded the grant award ($3,535.00) was paid out of the City's local budget. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with **Regional Construction, L.L.C.** to construct drainage improvements to Gibbs Street at Jacobs Street. This contractor submitted a bid proposal for this project reflecting a construction cost of **$51,798.20**, engineering fees will total $20,850.00. Therefore, the total cost of this project is $72,648.20. According to the City's

2012 Annual Budget of Revenue and Expenditures, $80,000 had been allocated toward this project (total cost is $7,351.80 under budget). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: After discussion, it was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on the abandonment and closure of approximately 100 feet of the North end of **First Street** beginning at the South boundary of the property owned by the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's office (Law Enforcement District). This property owner has informed us that they have plans to construct a Maintenance Facility at the municipal address of **211 First Street** in the near future. The advertisement for the public hearing is slated for publication in our local journal on July 19th, July 26th and August 2nd. If no objections are voiced to this partial street closure, an Ordinance will be presented to the Council for adoption at their August 13th regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve **Change Order No. 4** as submitted by **McInnis Brothers Construction, Inc.** for the Water Booster Station Improvements project. This is an additive change order in the amount of **$113,162.91,** adjusting the total contract price of $598,832.20 to $711,995.11. This Change Order represents the performance of lead abatement on the interior of the Holly Water Storage Tank. We have been informed by our consulting engineers (BALAR Associates, Inc.) that there are sufficient funds in the contract to cover this increase. No additional monies would have to come out of the City's budget to satisfy this increase in contract price. Further, this Change Order was also to request an additional 28 calendar days to allow for completion of the contract. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve **Change Order No. 5** as submitted by **David Lawler Construction, Inc.** for the Water Distribution System Improvements project. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of **$27,000.00** and represents the City's request to relocate three (3) water meters on Poole Road and install 2,600 linear feet of a 1" inch water service line to the residences. It is also to install new meter boxes at locations where existing meter boxes were unable to be re-used due to their deteriorated condition, and to cut and plug two existing water mains. The total contract bid price is now adjusted from $3,016,843.82 to $3,043,843.82 and 10 calendar days is hereby added to the construction period to allow for completion of this work. Motion Passed Unanimously.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, **no** comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:40 p.m.,** by MOTION from **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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