

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 13, 2016

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, June 13th** 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderwoman Brenda H. Hall**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, *Mayor*, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Brenda H. Hall –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent due to suspension**: Roy R. Jones –District **B**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer) and James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr., Richard Fuller, Jeri Burrell, Rita Myles and Harmon “*Tripp*” Dungan III (CLECO Power, LLC). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **May 23, 2016 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. 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: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation by Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the lowest responsible bidders for the chemicals **ALUMINUM SULFATE SOLUTION** (Liquid Alum) and **CAUSTIC SODA LIQUID 25% DIAPHRAGM** for use at the city’s Toledo Bend Water Treatment Plant. Attached to each Alderman’s agenda package were bid tabulations reflecting the lowest bidder for Aluminum Sulfate Solution as ***GEO Specialty Chemicals*** at \$225.00/dry ton) and the lowest bidder for Caustic Soda Liquid was ***Univar USA, Inc*** at \$546.55/dry ton. The contract period will be from July 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to make application for a Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) grant through the Office of Community Development for fiscal year 2015-2016 and act as Representative and Official

Signatory for all matters in connection with same. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to effect certain improvements to both the City's water treatment and water distribution systems. Further details regarding the improvements proposed are contained in the grant application where the maximum amount that can be awarded for this grant type is **\$50,000.00**, based on our municipality's population range. Cities that fall within the population size of 5,000 – 35,000 are eligible to apply for up to \$50,000. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to select the *The Enterprise and Interstate Progress* to serve as the city's Official Municipal Journal for the fiscal year from **July 1, 2016** until **June 30, 2017**, pursuant to LA R. S. 43:141(a). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: At this time, Mayor McCoy opened the floor for a presentation from District 4-B Police Juror, Mrs. Jeri Burrell. Mrs. Burrell began by informing the Council that a "*Cleanup DeSoto Parish*" initiative had been launched. The initiative will focus on abandoned properties, old junk vehicles and properties with noxious growth and trash issues. Mrs. Burrell went on to state that she is trying to organize small groups from all the villages and towns in the parish to stimulate efforts to clean up properties, sidewalks and drainage ditches. Mayor McCoy reminded Mrs. Burrell that this type of endeavor is one he initiated in the City when he originally took office in 2002, and it continues to be a primary focus. Further, he requested that each Alderman take note of any issues in their respective districts that needed attention and report them immediately to his office. Finally, Mrs. Burrell requested permission from the Mayor and City Council to clean up the property directly behind the former parish jail. This property belongs to the City and is where its old water storage tanks are situated. The tanks are no longer in operation and Mrs. Burrell would like for the Council to consider leasing or donating that property to the parish. They have plans to expand their parking area near this lot, and clearance of that parcel would afford them ample real estate to do so. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to Mrs. Burrell's request under advisement where it will be discussed at a near future meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motioned Passed Unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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