

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 22, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **June 22nd**, 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas**. 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**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Mary J. Green –District **A** and Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Bryan Ross (Captain –MFD). **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **June 8, 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 **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve adoption of a **Resolution** setting the **2020** property tax millage rates. The tax rates which will be levied on the assessment roll of DeSoto Parish for the year **2020** are **8.380 mills** for General Alimony and **8.800 mills** for General Expenses. Formerly, (for 2019) the rates for general alimony general expenses were 8.320 and 8.730, respectively. As 2020 is a reassessment year, the parish Tax Assessor adjusted the 2020 millage rates upward due to the revaluation of 2019 property values. The tax levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation in the parish of DeSoto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve acceptance of a **2010 Ford Expedition 4-Door Utility Vehicle** from *Desoto Parish EMS*. *The EMS* office was updating its fleet and sought to donate this vehicle

to the City, as there was still some useful life left in the Expedition. This utility vehicle will be stored at the Fire Department's central fire station (#1 station located on Franklin Street). The Mayor will act as Official Signatory on all documents which relate to the consummation of this donation from the *EMS* office. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Mayor Mayweather announced that a city-wide Cleanup Day has been scheduled for Saturday, July 18th. Interested participants are to assemble at the City Hall Pavilion during the early morning hours to receive instructions and cleanup supplies. Further, Alderman Campbell requested that the *DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office* also be invited to join us in this initiative. Finally, each Alderman is expected to recruit at least five property owners residing in each of their respective districts to assist in this cleanup endeavor. This is just one of several cleanup efforts to come. To enhance the aesthetic appeal of the City, cleanup events will continue to be organized and will be ongoing. Trash pickup, weed-eating and grass-cutting are some of the cleanup activities planned for July 18th. Volunteers from across the parish are encouraged to join this initiative.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:48 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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