

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 25, 2018

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **June 25th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis W. McCoy called the meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. 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:** None. **Other City Personnel Present:** Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), and James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director). **Others Present:** Jason Cottom (*BluDot Engineering*), Joseph Walker (*Walker & Walker Architects & Engineers*), Daniel Campbell (*Toledo Bend Properties, L.L.C.*), A. J. Williams, Jr., Marlon Mullings, Bartholomew Claiborne, Joann Adkins, Shedrick Adkins, and Christopher Thomas. **Press Present:** Raley Pellitteri (editor –*Mansfield Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **June 11, 2018 *regular*** 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 none were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the bid submissions of the lowest responsible and responsive 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. The bids received were opened at the Aldermen’s regular meeting held on June 11, 2018, and same were taken under advisement. The lowest responsible bid received for **Aluminum Sulfate Solution** was submitted by **G E O Specialty Chemicals** (Little Rock, AR) at **\$230 per dry ton delivered**. In similar fashion, the lowest responsible bid received for **Caustic Soda Liquid** was submitted by **Premier Chemicals and Services** (Baton Rouge, LA) at **\$940.00 per dry ton delivered**. These two companies will be placed under contract for the purchase period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to accept the bid submission of the lowest responsible and responsive bidder for the chemical **Aluminum Sulfate Solution TOTES** for use at the city’s Wastewater Treatment Plant. The

bids received were opened at the Aldermen's regular meeting held on June 11, 2018, and same were taken under advisement. The lowest responsible bid received for **Aluminum Sulfate Solution TOTES** was submitted by *Industrial Research Corporation (I.R.C.)* at **\$0.29/pound delivered**. These two companies will be placed under contract for the purchase period of July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a mutual Water Purchase Contract with *Waterworks District No. 1 of DeSoto Parish* to establish a water service connection between the City of Mansfield's public water system and *Waterworks District No. 1* to be accessed only in emergency-type situations. The cost associated with effecting this 'tie-in', amounted to approximately \$12,000, and will be shared equally between both water systems. Both water systems recognize the need for a 'back-up' water source and agree to furnish one or more "points of delivery" during the term of the Agreement, for the provision of potable treated water meeting applicable purity standards of State and Federal Regulatory Authorities in such quantities as may be required. Other more detailed terms and conditions incumbent upon each public water system are recited in the body of the Agreement on file in the records of each respective entity. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by MARY L. GREEN and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve the recommendation offered by our consulting engineering firm, *BALAR Associates, Inc.* to approve Change Order No. 1 as requested by the contractor *ASB Utility Construction, L.L.C.* for the Relocation of Water and Sewer Facilities along LA Hwy. 175 and LA Hwy. 509. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of **\$7,450.00**. The original contract amount was \$264,912.00, and the sum of **\$7,450.00** will be added to the original contract amount increasing it to **\$272,362.00**. The time provided for completion of the contract remains unchanged. It should be mentioned that this project was funded via Utility Relocation Assistance Funding (URAF) through the State of Louisiana's Department of Transportation and Development. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, **Ordinance No. 4 of 2018** was introduced, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner, *C & P Rental Property, L.L.C.* on property bearing a municipal address of **1114 Pegues Street** from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District). It was stated that this request for a zone change at this address was deliberated by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission at their regular

meeting held on Wednesday, June 20, 2018, and the request was denied. There were no representative (s) of *C & P Rental Property, L.L.C.* present at the Commissioner's meeting on June 20th to offer any details regarding their proposed occupancy for the property at **1114 Pegues Street**, or present to answer any questions posed by the Commissioners. To that end, their request was denied. However, the matter will be brought before the Board of Aldermen to further deliberate at their regular meeting to be held on Monday, July 9, 2018, and a decision rendered at that time. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance on July 5, 2018 and set a public hearing on same for July 9, 2018. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor McCoy and/or Council Members: Mayor McCoy acknowledged the presence of a representative with *BluDot Engineering*, one with *Walker & Walker Architects and Engineers* and one of the co-owners (with *Toledo Bend Properties, L.L.C.*) of the lot next door to the City Hall complex. He allowed each of them to introduce themselves and then share with those in attendance, their plans for the vacant lot next door to City Hall. They would not divulge the proposed occupancy, but did say that their planned development would help to promote economic growth in the City. After a few other brief remarks from them, Mayor McCoy stated that this meeting would be his last, official city council meeting as Mayor of the City of Mansfield, after serving in this capacity for the past 16 years. He urged those officials that remain, to make efforts to support the new Mayor (John Mayweather, Sr.). Additionally, this meeting also marked the final meeting for Alderwoman **Brenda H. Hall**. She expressed appreciation to the remaining Aldermen for their support during her tenure as Alderwoman for District B. Alderman **Joseph Hall** remarked that he looked forward to continuing his service to the constituents residing in District D. Likewise, Alderwoman **Mary Green** expressed gratitude to the Mayor and his leadership and to the constituents in District A who elected her to again serve in this position for another four years.

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

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