

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 27, 2016

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, June 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderwoman Mary L. Green.** 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**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D.** **Absent:** Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent due to suspension:** Roy R. Jones –District **B.** **Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director). **Others Present:** A. J. Williams, Jr., Sierra Howard and Harmon “*Tripp*” Dungan III (CLECO Power, LLC). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **June 13, 2016 *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 no comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: An announcement was made by the City Clerk giving notice to the public that the Board of Aldermen will meet on Monday, August 8, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. at its regular meeting place, Mansfield City Hall, for the purpose of adopting the 2016 property tax millage rates. At this meeting, the Council will adopt a **Resolution** levying millage rate upon the 2016 tax roll. This announcement will be published once in the June 30th edition of the City’s local journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*). This same public hearing notice will also be forwarded via email to state legislators for this district, who are State Senator John Milkovich (Dist.#38) and State Representative Kenny Cox (Dist.#23). This is a requirement of the state since we will be adopting the 2016 adjusted millage rates (8.320-general alimony & 8.730 –general expenses). No action on this announcement was required by the Council.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to approve authorization for the Mayor to enter into and execute a **Signal Maintenance Agreement** with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for the maintenance of traffic signals at certain locations along the State Highway system, within the City’s corporate limits, for the period beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. Maintenance shall include the furnishing of electrical power for such signals owned by the LA DOTD, the replacement of inoperative light bulbs and fuses, and the straightening of signal heads and signs. For these maintenance obligations, the City shall be reimbursed for each of the

approved traffic signals (10) within the City, at the rate of **\$800.00** per signal/per year. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the recommendation made by Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to offer full-time employment to Mr. **Garrison Simpson** with the City of Mansfield. Mr. **Simpson** was hired on March 28, 2016, and was assigned at that time to work in the Street Department. Since his employment, he has proven his reliability, and his ability to work and communicate effectively with his co-workers and supervisor (s). Motion Passed Unanimously.

At this time, the Mayor requested an amendment to the meeting agenda to allow time for consideration of a matter first deliberated and later approved by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, June 15, 2016. A petitioner (John David Ebarb) requested placement of a **modular home** on residential property with a municipal address of **244 Square Drive South**. With no objection from the floor or any of the attending Aldermen, it was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to approve amending the agenda to further discuss this matter. While the petitioner (Mr. Ebarb) was not present at this meeting, the proposed occupant of the **modular home** (Sierra Howard) was in attendance at this meeting. This home will become her permanent residence, should the Council approve the Zoning Commission's recommendation. After a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the recommendation offered by the Zoning Commission to situate a **modular home** on property municipally known as **244 Square Drive South**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: While there was no other scheduled business to discuss, Mayor McCoy did acknowledge the presence at this meeting of Mr. **Harmon "Tripp" Dungan, III** with CLECO Power, L.L.C. Mr. Dungan is the Principal Governmental Services Representative for CLECO's Northern District, a position formerly held by Mr. Ron Smith, Sr. who has since been promoted. Mr. Dungan first distributed invitations to the Mayor and attending Aldermen to their (CLECO) hospitality suite at the **2016 LA Municipal Association Convention** to be held on Friday, July 29th from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at *The Diamond Grill* in Alexandria, LA. Mr. Dungan next made an announcement of an impending benefit to all of CLECO's residential and small business customers. Earlier this year (2016), CLECO was acquired by a North American investor group led by *Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets* and *British Columbia Investment Management Corporation*. One of the benefits borne out of the negotiations between present CLECO representatives and agents with the investor group and other infrastructure companies to acquire CLECO, was a commitment to provide every residential and small business customer with an immediate rate refund following consummation of the CLECO sale/acquisition. These customers can expect to see a one-time, upfront bill credit of **-\$479.54** on

their July billing. This credit will come at a time when electricity use is at its highest. Following this announcement, Mayor McCoy informed Mr. Dungan that the City's owns a 5-acre parcel situated directly behind our local Wal Mart SuperCenter Store out near Highway 509. The parcel is being considered for further development to create a recreational park for community use. Currently stadium-type lighting is needed to illuminate the proposed park. There already exists a partially completed concession building which also houses enclosed restroom facilities. Plans are to continue with the development to hopefully provide another venue for future recreational events for the residents in our community. Mayor McCoy requested an on-site meeting with Mr. Dungan on Tuesday, June 28th at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Dungan consented to the on-site meeting to further discuss any assistance CLECO may be able to offer in this regard.

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

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