

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 8, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **June 8th**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. 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**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** (attended meeting in person in Mayor’s office at City Hall), Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Annette Blue (Police Chief –MPD), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief –MPD), and LaTarsha Shelton (Fire Chief –MFD). **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **May 26, 2020 *special*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** 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/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 selection *The Enterprise and Interstate Progress* to serve as the Official Municipal Journal of the city for fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2020** and ending **June 30, 2021** pursuant to LA R.S. 43:141(A). In accordance with state law, R.S. 43:147 Section B, the *Mansfield Enterprise* agrees to publish the city’s minutes, ordinances, bid notices, resolutions, official proceedings, etc. for **\$6** per square. Louisiana law defines a square as **100** words of type

or in the case of charts or graphs, it is the space 100 words would occupy. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Maintenance Agreement between the *LA Dept. of Transportation & Development (DOTD)* for Mowing and Litter Pickup for the fiscal year beginning **July 1, 2020** and ending **June 30, 2021**. Pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 48:193, **DOTD** is directed to repair and to keep in operating condition, at its sole cost and expense, all municipal roads and streets within the State Highway System as it is defined in LA R.S. 48:191. Further, LA R.S. 48:193 authorizes municipalities to request that the repair and maintenance of said State Roadways located within their respective municipalities be performed by the municipality, at the State's expense. **DOTD** lacks sufficient personnel and equipment to perform mowing and litter collection on a routine and continuing basis and wishes to enter into an Agreement with the City. The City shall mow grass and cut or otherwise control mowable vegetation along ditches, around signs, guardrails and bridge ends, trim overhanging grass along curbs, and remove litter and debris within the designated and dedicated or apparent right-of-way. The total mileage to be maintained by the City and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by **DOTD** is **8.26 miles**. The total maximum amount for which the City may claim reimbursement is \$8,260.00. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Mayor Mayweather expressed thanks to the participating Aldermen and local volunteers for any assistance they offered at the movie night event held on Sunday, May 31st, sponsored by Rev. Jerius Marshall of *Gethsemane Baptist Church*. This event was free to the public, where a family-friendly movie was shown during the late evening hours on the parking lot of the *DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center* (former location of our Mansfield Walmart SuperStore #323).

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:43 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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