

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
June 11, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, June 11th**, 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 G. B. Hall III**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Alvin R. Woodley**. The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell, -District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. Others Present: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Eboni Parker (Public Relations Officer), and Richard Z. Johnson, Jr. (City Attorney). **Press Present**: Julie Morris (*The Enterprise*)

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the minutes of the **May 29, 2012 special** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to pay current outstanding bills for this period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** with the Office of the District Attorney, 42nd Judicial District of Louisiana, represented by Richard Z. Johnson, Jr., District Attorney. By this agreement, the parties agree to establish and implement a Local Agency Compensated Enforcement (**LACE**) Detail in the interest of public safety. Particular emphasis is placed on providing increased police patrols on the highways of the state, in order to curtail vehicular crashes through use of traffic violation enforcement. The Detail shall specifically patrol areas in the jurisdiction of the City which have a history of high crash rates and high noncompliance with the traffic laws and regulations of the State of Louisiana, as determined by the Mayor, or his particular designee. In order to accomplish this purpose, the City, through the Mayor, will provide law enforcement officers to work outside their regularly scheduled duty hours. At this time, Mayor McCoy requested that the city’s attorney (Richard Johnson, Jr.) stand to explain how this detail is to be funded. Mr. Johnson informed the Council that funding for this detail shall be provided by the Office of the District Attorney (Criminal Court Fund) and participation shall be permitted for all ranks of law enforcement officers, who are employed by the City. Each law enforcement officer who performs service for the Detail shall be compensated at that individual officer’s time and one-half rate of pay, in conformance with the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the annual **Mowing & Litter Pickup** Maintenance Agreement as submitted by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for fiscal year **July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**, and to provide for all other related matters. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve **Change Order No. 3** as submitted by *Thielsch Group, Inc.* for the Replacement of Water Meters associated with the Phase I Water Distribution System Improvements Project. This was an additive change order in the amount of **\$36,045.00** increasing the current contract price of \$779,676.71 (as a result of Change Order Nos. 1 & 2) to \$815,721.71. This Change Order represents the addition of various meter sizes at specified property locations. Additionally, the time provided for completion of the contract is increased by 30 calendar days. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve a Resolution adopting the DeSoto Parish Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for 2011 as approved by FEMA's Region VI and the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. The purpose of mitigation planning in general is to reduce or prevent negative impacts of future events. The purpose of mitigation planning as it relates to natural hazards is to prevent injuries, loss of life and material damage via proactive measures. This plan, when implemented, is a plan for action in the interest of protecting the public and parish assets by reducing impacts when future disasters strike. DeSoto Parish is located in a region that experiences relatively frequent and devastating natural disasters. A hazard mitigation plan plans the implementation of mitigation actions prior to a hazard occurrence. The ultimate goal of this plan is to promote the health, safety and welfare of all residents and local interests. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to set a public hearing for Monday, **June 25, 2012** to discuss a request to change the name of Kenneth Street to **Tommy Johnson Street**, and authorize advertisement of same. The Notice of Public Hearing shall be published in our local journal (**The Enterprise**) on June 21, 2012. If no objections to the street name change are voiced at the June 25th meeting, an Ordinance will be adopted to formally change the street name to **Tommy Johnson Street**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F. It was MOTIONED by **TROY N. TERRELL** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the receipt and opening of all sealed bids received for the purchase of the chemicals **Aluminum Sulfate Solution 17% (Liquid Alum)** and **Caustic Soda Liquid 25% Diaphragm** for use at the City's Water Treatment Plant and take all under advisement. The bids received will be tabulated and a recommendation to accept the lowest responsible bidder for each chemical

respectively will be made at the council's regular meeting on June 25th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the receipt and opening of all sealed bids received for the sale of used surplus water meters and take all under advisement. The bids received will be tabulated and a recommendation to accept the highest responsible bidder will be made at the council's regular meeting on June 25th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item H: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, **no** comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:58 p.m.**, by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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