

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
June 14, 2010

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, June 14th, 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 J. Dudley Kemper. Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance. The oral roll call by the City Clerk was suspended at the Mayor's request. The following officials were **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III – District **A**, J. Dudley Kemper –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**, Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Press Present**: Coleman Robison (**The Enterprise**) and Vickie Welborn (**The Times**). Also present was Lee Shaver (City's Fire Chief), Don English (City's Police Chief), Cynthia "Cindy" Williams (City's Public Relations Officer), Arthur J. Williams, Jr. (member of Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission) and Rev. Roy Jones (NAACP).

It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to approve the minutes of the **May 24, 2010** regular city council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. When none were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to approve authorizing the Mayor to enter into and execute the Annual Maintenance Agreement as submitted by the LA Dept. of Transportation and Development for Mowing and Litter Pickup for FY ending **June 30, 2011**. Passed Unanimously.

Item B. It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and seconded by JOSEPH HALL, JR. to approve a Resolution adopting the 2010 property tax millages for levying on the 2010 tax roll (general alimony **-8.150** mills/general expenses **-8.460** mills). Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item C. It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR and seconded by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to select **The Enterprise and Interstate Progress** as the Official Municipal Journal for the City of Mansfield, pursuant to R.S. 43:141 for a period of one (1) year (**July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011**). Passed Unanimously.

Item D. At the Mayor's request, the City Clerk orally announced that Item D was being deleted from the agenda. Had it been deliberated, Item D would have sought to adopt an Ordinance to amend Paragraph 3, Section 3 in Part I of the City's charter. No discussion ensued after the announcement. Mayor McCoy later commented that "he decided to leave it like it was."

Item E. It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY to adopt a Resolution giving preliminary approval to the issuance of not exceeding Four Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$475,000**) of Refunding Bonds, Series 2010, of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana; making application to the State Bond Commission for

approval of said Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on File at City Hall).

Item F. No other new business discussed.

Next on the agenda was the reception of reports from the City's Department Heads. Public Works Director, **Jim Ruffin**, was absent from this meeting. Therefore, the next department head to report was Fire Chief, **Lee Shaver**. Chief Shaver informed the Council that he and his lieutenant received notice that they have passed a certification test recently taken. Finally reporting was Police Chief, **Don English**. Chief English reported that his officers had recently recovered two (2) of four utility trailers from a theft that occurred on June 3rd from Mansfield Cycle World. An insurance underwriter named Deep South Claims, authored two letters, one each to officers Billy Locke and Terence Toney respectively commending them for a job well done on this case. The Mayor then commended the Chief and his officers for promptly responding to police calls and announced that the department recently hired a new patrolman.

During the **Comment Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy commented that improvements to the sewer collection system at the old DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center should commence within the next few weeks. He also remarked that intersection improvements at US Hwy. 84 and LA Hwy. 175 are slated to begin by late July or early August of this year. These improvements will be constructed by the LA DOTD. Finally, the Mayor reported that the LA Army National Guard are at the site behind the new Wal Mart Shopping Center affecting infrastructure improvements for construction of a recreational park. They are providing their labor at no cost. The park will afford two Dixie youth-size ball fields, a concession stand and restroom facilities. Alderman G. B. Hall remarked that this ball park is in his district and has been badly needed to offer our youth activities to enjoy during the summer months. Alderman Alvin Woodley asked if improvements are being considered to the City's 'maintenance barn' on Edwards Street. Alderman G. B. Hall commented that contact had been made to several large enterprises to request help underwriting the cost of cosmetic improvements to the 'barn.' He will report on any new developments on this matter at future council meetings.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:52p.m., by MOTION from J. DUDLEY KEMPER and was SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY. Passed Unanimously.

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