

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
June 23, 2014

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, June 23rd**, 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 **Alderman G. B. Hall III.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** Troy N. Terrell –District **B.** **Other City Personnel Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), and Richard Johnson, Jr (City Attorney). **Others Present:** Fletcher Carter, Rodriguez Ross, Sylette Ross, Shedrick Adkins and Chandra Harris. **Press Present:** Vickie Welborn (*The Times*) and Julie Morris and Bennie Hall (*The Enterprise*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **June 9, 2014 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: None.

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Annual Maintenance Agreement for **Mowing & Litter Pickup** with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 (Period: 7/1/14 thru 6/30/15). The total mileage to be maintained by the City pursuant to this Agreement and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by DOTD is 8.26 miles. The total maximum amount for the City may claim reimbursement is \$8,260.00. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by BALAR Associates, Inc. to award a construction contract to **David Lawler Construction, Inc.** as the lowest responsible bidder for the Water Service Line Reconnections project at Jane Street and the Oxford Road. Bids for this project were solicited on June 2, 2014 from three qualified contractors. The Bid opening was conducted at Mansfield City Hall on Friday, June 13, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. The tabulation of bids was as follows: **Crocker Construction, L.L.C.** –bid was \$37,705.00, **David Lawler Construction, Inc.** –bid was \$30,255.00 and **Rutledge Road Boring & Water Tapping, Inc.** –did not submit a bid. Contract documents will now be prepared and later a Pre-Construction Conference will be scheduled. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to execute Water Well Transfer documents for the transfer of Calvert #1 and Calvert #2 Water Wells to *Bayous of Bonchaisse, L.L.C.* (represented by Mr. **Paul Lovic Wren**). The City intends no future use of these water wells and with these documents, transfer and convey ownership of said water wells to *Bayous of Bonchaisse, L.L.C.* The new owner wishes to use the water wells for his own purposes and further agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City, its successors and assigns forever. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to adopt a **Resolution** ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, **November 4, 2014**, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., to submit to the qualified electors thereof a certain local option proposition relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages by certain restaurant establishments, and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The Proposition: *‘Shall the sale of beverages of high and low alcoholic content be permitted only on the premises of restaurant establishments which have been issued an “R” permit as defined by law within the corporate limits of the City of Mansfield?’* The returns from this special election will be canvassed on Monday, November 10, 2014 and the results of same then declared. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution published in local journal on 7/10/14 and on file at Mansfield City Hall).

Item E: At this time, on behalf of Mrs. Betty M. Carter, her husband Mr. **Fletcher Carter** spoke in her absence regarding how beneficial the Upward Bound *Foster Grandparents Program* has been to our community. Accompanying Mr. Carter was current director of this program, Ms. **Chandra Harris**. This program was originally organized in part with assistance from the late Mrs. Sandra Phillips for the Mansfield service area of which it was formerly non-existent. Mr. Carter explained that The *Foster Grandparents Program* enables volunteers, age 60 and older, to work with special needs children and youth. Foster grandparents are trained to work with children who are disadvantaged, have disabilities, or are at-risk. Further, Foster grandparents volunteer in places such as schools, daycare of Head Start Centers, libraries, hospitals, residential institutions or homes. Finally, all volunteers receive in-service training, assistance with transportation, hot meals while in service, an annual physical examination and accident insurance. Mr. Carter went on to explain that in recent years, funding from the State for this Program continues to experience cutbacks. His presence here today was for the purpose of soliciting monetary assistance from the City to help enable this program to continue its vital work. At the close of Mr. Carter’s address to the Council, it was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to take Mr. Carter’s plea for solicitation under advisement. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: The final item of New Business on the agenda, were presentations by Mayor McCoy to two out-going Aldermen who were defeated during the April 2014 election, namely Aldermen **G. B. Hall III** (Dist. A) and **Troy N. Terrell** (Dist. B). They will continue in their positions as Aldermen in their respective districts until June 30th. Mayor McCoy presented to Alderman Hall on behalf of himself and the Board of Aldermen, a plaque in commemoration of his more than fourteen (14) years of committed and dedicated service to the constituents in his district and to the City of Mansfield. After presentation to him of the plaque, Alderman Hall expressed his gratitude to Mayor McCoy, to the former Mayor (the late Hon. Harold Cornett), to the other Board members (past and present) and finally to all the administrative staff at City Hall. Following Alderman Hall's acceptance speech, all of the Aldermen present were allowed time to bestow well wishes upon Alderman Hall, each echoing similar sentiments to the departing councilman. All of the Aldermen expressed to him how much he would be missed and assured him that his tenure here would always be looked upon with appreciation and fondness. Alderman **Troy Terrell** was not present at this meeting to receive his award. His plaque would be mailed to him along with an official 'thank you' letter from the Mayor and City Council.

Item G: No other new business discussed.

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

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