

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
March 24, 2014

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, March 24th**, 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 Troy N. Terrell**. 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, Troy N. Terrell –District B, Mitchell L. Lewis –District C, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District D and Kervin D. Campbell. –District E (was tardy, but arrived shortly before the Public Comments Period. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), and Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr., Cathy Woods, John Woods, Pastor Ronnie Morris, Trena Hunter and Pastor Lovie J. Hunter (pastor of Senseless Favor Ministries, Inc.). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** by to approve the minutes of the **March 10, 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:

Item A: At this time, the Council reviewed the annual **Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP) Environmental Audit** attached to their respective agenda packages. After their review, it was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the Resolution on page 17 of the audit as mandated by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The Resolution informs the LDEQ that the City of Mansfield’s Board of Aldermen have set forth certain actions to maintain permit requirements contained under our Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System number (#LA0038962). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall)

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission granting the request of Ms. **Catherine Lewing Guinn** (nee Woods) to place a mobile home on property located in a B-2 District (Neighborhood Business District), municipally known as **209 Oak Street**. The property bears the legal description of: A lot in the Town of Mansfield, being a part of Blk 40 on N/Side of Franklin St., described as beg at NE cor of J. T. Henderson property, and run E along S/side of Mouton St 32.3 ft to street running through Sd Blk, th run SELY along S/Side of Sd Rd 280ft, then W along Franklin St 230 ft. to Henderson Property, the N 198 ft to beg; also, beg at the cor of Mouton St & Oak St, Mfld, run W 80 yds to Sec/L dividing secs 8 &

9, T12, R13, Run s along Sec/L to bayou, th E along Bayou approx. 80 yds, th N to Beg, lying W & Adjoining first desc. (130-382)(533-638)(589-707)(618-681)(685-723)(748-444). Requests from petitioners to situate a dwelling within a B-2 District, is infrequently received, since such requests are not ordinarily considered a permitted use. However, when such a request is submitted, approval is contingent upon certain specified stipulations. According to Section III.A.4 of Mansfield's Zoning Ordinance, a dwelling may be permitted within a structure used for commercial or industrial purposes if occupied by owner, management or security personnel as determined by the City Clerk/Building Inspector. The approved mobile home will be attached directly to the existing commercial building and appropriately occupied. Mayor McCoy also stipulated that the dwelling must be in not less than above average condition. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, a discussion ensued regarding city-owned property located at the northeast corner of Polk Street and Adams Street in the downtown district, with a municipal address of **201 Polk Street**. The property includes a single-story retail building that is currently unoccupied. The building contains 7,186 square feet and is brick/masonry block framing frame with brick veneer and glass storefront. A local pastor has expressed interest in entering into a two-year, rent free agreement on this property for the purpose of conducting worship services at this facility. At the end of the two-year lease, rent will be charged at a rate of \$500 per month. In exchange for approval of this arrangement by the City, the pastor agrees, using his own contract labor, to refurbish the interior of the building excluding the floors at his own expense. Further details of this arrangement will be recited in a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** between the City of Mansfield and Senseless Favor Ministries, Inc. (the official name of the local pastor's church). After discussion of the above arrangement, it was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to authorize the Mayor to enter into a **Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** with Senseless Favor Ministries, Inc., represented by its pastor (Lovie J. Hunter) for a period of two years. No rent will be charged for the initial first two years. At the expiration of the two-year period, rent will be charged at a rate of \$500 per month. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: 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 **4:43 p.m.**, by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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