

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
May 24, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **May 24th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. 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 Christopher S. Thomas**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However the following officials were recorded as in attendance at this regular meeting of the city council. **Present:** Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green – District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent:** None. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), and Christopher Samuels (Firefighter –Fire Dept.). Others Present: (six) 6 other present. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **May 10, 2021 *regular*** City Council meeting and 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 public comments were offered from any of the participants in this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: -None.

New Business:

It should be noted that the first 4 agenda items (**Items A through D**) were petitions that were first presented to the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission at their May 19th regular meeting. All the petitions were requests to situate mobile homes for residential use in various zoning districts throughout the City. ALL of the requests submitted to the Zoning Commission for consideration were **granted**. Because that was true, it was the unanimous consensus of the City Council to **approve** ALL of the petitions described on the meeting agenda, as was recommended by the Zoning Commission. The petitioner's requests are more particularly described as follows: **Frita Wilson's** request was to situate a mobile home for residential use on **1510 Gibbs Street, CSJ Enterprises, Inc.** (c/o **Stan Jones**) submitted a request to situate a mobile home for residential use on **1406 Bernard Street**, **Patricia Canada** submitted a request to situate a mobile home for residential use on **121 Hogan's Alley**, and finally **Calvert P.** and **Timothy S. Griffin** requested approval to situate a mobile home for residential use on **1301 Bernard Street**. It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendations of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission **granting** all the requests submitted by the petitioners at the Commission's meeting held on May 19th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: Ordinance No. 1 of 2021 was introduced, drafted to change zoning at **363 Oxford Road** from on R-2 District (*Multi-Family Residence Dist.*) to a B-2 (*Neighborhood Business Dist.*) at the request of petitioner **Timothy S. Griffin** for the purpose of situating a portable building for **commercial use** at the aforementioned municipal address. No objections to Mr. **Griffin's** request were voiced at the May 19th regular meeting of the Zoning Commission. Thus, the petitioner's request was met with unanimous approval by the Commissioners at their meeting. With that knowledge and after brief deliberation, it was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the June 10th edition of the city's municipal journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*) and to set a public hearing on same at the Aldermen's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, June 14th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Alderwoman **Mary Green** thanked the Mayor and management at the city's Police Department for their support of the upcoming *Juneteenth Festival* slated for June 25th, 26th, and 27th. Additionally, with the next cleanup initiative scheduled for Friday, June 4th from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., **Christopher Thomas** encouraged all citizens to participate in this effort. In addition, Alderman **Joseph Hall** asked if the city's Street Department personnel could assist the organizers of this cleanup initiative. Cleanup efforts will be focused at and around the city's Gazebo Polk Street Mini-Park (at corner of Polk & Jefferson Streets) to prepare for the impending *Polk Street Farmers & Makers Market*. This is the type of local food emporium that affords farmers a venue to offer for sale their harvested fruits, vegetables, and possibly other prepared, homemade goods. This event is scheduled to be held every Saturday during the month of June, beginning on Saturday, June 5th. Admission for the public is free. However, participating vendors will be subject to a \$20 booth fee. It is hosted by the organization, *Mansfield in Motion*. It was also mentioned that a *Pop-Up Market* is tentatively scheduled to be held in October where vendors will be allowed to sell virtually anything, not just fresh produce and other foodstuffs. Further details on this event will follow in the coming months.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:44 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