

{May 10, 2010}

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 10, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, May 10th, 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 Alvin R. Woodley led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll was called by the City Clerk and the following were **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, J. Dudley Kemper –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. Press Present: Coleman Robinson (**The Enterprise**). Also present was Councilman elect, **Troy N. Terrell** (District B). Mr. Terrell will replace Alderman Kemper (effective June 1st), and will attend his first city council meeting on June 14th in his official capacity as Alderman for District B.

It was MOTIONED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve the minutes of the **April 26, 2010** regular city council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Passed Unanimously.

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

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Mansfield resident, Ms. Chassidy Robinson, voiced concern over Item A under old business regarding the abandonment of the alley in Block 6 of Crosby Subdivision. A request was presented to the city council from the owner of the parcel of land where the alley is located, to abandon it to make way for a new commercial development. Mayor McCoy responded to Ms. Robinson's trepidation by assuring her that the new development would not infringe on the peace and tranquility enjoyed by the residents in that nearby neighborhood. When no other comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

**Old Business:**

**Item A:** It was MOTIONED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to adopt an Ordinance to abandoning an alley in Crosby Subdivision. Passed Unanimously. The Ordinance is fully recited below:

**ORDINANCE NO. 3 of 2010**

**AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AN  
ALLEY IN CROSBY SUBDIVISION**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, Louisiana, in regular session convened:

SECTION 1.

The following described portion of the alley located in Crosby Subdivision has never been used for public purposes and is declared to be no longer needed for public purposes and is hereby closed and abandoned:

**The entire alley running East and West in Block 6 of Crosby Subdivision.**

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Upon motion of Alderman J. Dudley Kemper, seconded by Alderman            the above and foregoing Ordinance was adopted on this the 10th day of May 2010, with the votes as follows:

YEAS <u>4</u>	NAYS <u>0</u>	ABSENT <u>1</u>	ABSTAIN <u>0</u>
G. B. Hall III		Joseph Hall, Jr.	
J. Dudley Kemper			
Mitchell L. Lewis			
Alvin R. Woodley			

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**Item B:** No other old business discussed.

**New Business:**

**Item A:** Mayor McCoy made the request to have Chief Don English's recommendation to hire officer **Nathan T. Brewer** full-time in the Mansfield Police Department postponed until the May 24th council meeting.

**Item B.** Mayor McCoy made the request to have Chief Don English's recommendation to hire officer **Dustin B. Hasty** full-time in the Mansfield Police Department postponed until the May 24th council meeting.

**Item C.** Mayor McCoy made the request to have the City Clerk's recommendation to offer **Cynthia Williams** full-time employment with the City of Mansfield postponed until the May 24th council meeting.

**Item D.** It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to adopt a Resolution making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of issuance of **\$2,280,000** of Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2010A, pursuant to State Bond Commission Approval L09-547. The City was issued \$4,120,000 of such Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2010, on February 11, 2010, and now wishes to issue the remaining \$2,280,000 of the approved Bonds under the designation "*Sales Tax Bonds, Series 2010A*", within the terms and parameters of the SBC approval, which Series 2010A Bonds are to be purchased by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and to be issued on a parity of the Series 2010 Bonds. Passed Unanimously.

**Item E.** It was MOTIONED by G B. HALL III and SECONDED by ALVIN R. WOODLEY to adopt a Resolution revising the Project Description set forth as Exhibit A to the Loan Agreement by and between the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority and the City of Mansfield, dated as of **June 1, 2001**, relating to the Authority's \$1,000,000 of Revenue Bonds, Series 2001. The Project Description set forth as Exhibit A to the Loan Agreement is hereby revised to provide that the proceeds of the Bonds can be used for the additional purposes of paying costs of acquiring, constructing and improving parks, playgrounds and recreational facilities, including equipment and fixtures. Passed Unanimously.

**Item F.** It was MOTIONED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to adopt a Resolution authorizing the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board to accept nominations, and advertise for oil, gas and mineral leases, accept bids and award oil, gas and mineral leases on the said tract (s) as described in Exhibit A, in the manner prescribed by law. Passed Unanimously.

**Item G.** No other new business discussed.

Next on the agenda was the reception of reports from the City's Department Heads. First to report was Public Works Director, **Jim Ruffin** providing the council with an update of the city-wide Water Distribution System Improvements project. Jim reported that the contractor, Wicker Construction, Inc., had nearly completed installing new water pipes in Rives Subdivision. However, before the water is ready for public consumption, all the pipes would need to be pressure checked then water samples taken by the parish sanitarian for routine testing. Simultaneously, the city has sewer improvements and upgrades underway in a good portion of the city limits. The contractor for this project, Trenchless Methods, Inc., has just completed installation of new sewer lines on Martin Luther King Drive and will next move to Hillsdale Subdivision. To date, this project is roughly 23% complete, Jim said. Slated to report next was Police Chief, **Don English**. Chief English reported that approximately seventy to eighty thousand dollars worth of the equipment was recently stolen from the site where contractor Trenchless Methods had stored their equipment. Chief English also stated that a 4-way stop sign had been installed recently on Chamberlin Street. Due to this installation, traffic speed has shown a notable reduction. District A Councilman, G. B. Hall III, expressed thanks to Chief English and the entire police department for their efforts in helping to recover the stolen merchandise owned by Trenchless Methods, Inc. He also expressed gratitude to the police department for taking measures to help better manage vehicular traffic. Fire Chief, **Lee Shaver** was absent from this meeting but had previously been excused by the Mayor from having to offer a formal report.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council members, Mayor McCoy recognized the councilman elect for District B, **Troy N. Terrell**. Mr. Terrell will formally take office as the Councilman for District B on June 1st, succeeding incumbent J. Dudley Kemper to represent this district. He attends his first council meeting in his new capacity on June 14th. Mr. Kemper's last official council meeting is May 24th. He has served his district well for the past twenty years. Alderman G. B. Hall III commented that traffic on Polk Street continues to be a problem. He suggested hiring an independent firm to conduct a thorough traffic study as evidence of the increased traffic on Polk Street and other main thoroughfares in the City. This issue will be discussed further in future council meetings.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:19p.m., by MOTION from ALVIN R. WOODLEY was SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS. Passed Unanimously.

**Curtis W. McCoy**, *Mayor*

**Marvin R. Jackson**, *Clerk*

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