

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 14, 2012**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, May 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 Troy N. Terrell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: G. B. Hall III –District **A** and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. Others Present: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Administrative Assistant), Eboni Park (Public Relations Officer), A. J. Williams, Jr. (Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission), and Mr. Bob Fisher (engineer with The Shaw Group). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the minutes of the **April 23, 2012 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to pay current outstanding bills for this period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

**Item A:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a Procès Verbal and Proclamation to canvass the returns and declare the result of the special election held in the City of Mansfield on Saturday, April 21, 2012. On the ballot of this election was a proposition to **renew** a 10-year (from 2014 to 2023), 8.46 mills property tax levy for providing general funds for any lawful corporate purpose of the City of Mansfield. This property tax typically yields approximately \$179,755 annually. The canvass of the results of the election showed that there was a total of **115** votes cast **IN FAVOR OF** the Proposition and a total of **172** votes cast **AGAINST** the Proposition. Therefore, the City Council hereby proclaims in open and public session that the Proposition was duly **DEFEATED** by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Proclamation on file at City Hall).

**Item B:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City on **Tuesday, November 6, 2012**, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein, make application to the state Bond Commission in connection therewith, and provide for other matters in connection therewith. This proposition is the same one that was defeated at the April 21, 2012 election. Mayor McCoy and the City Council are hopeful that by educating constituents on the benefits

gained from this tax levy, the proposition will be more favorably received at the November 6<sup>th</sup> election. In the past, revenue generated from this property tax levy has been used primarily for the continuation of police, fire, road maintenance and sanitation services. Generally, it is used for the further progression of the City of Mansfield in any area needed. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

**Item C:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to adopt an Ordinance declaring equipment (used water meters) as surplus and to dispose of same by private sale after public notice. After a massive installation of new meters city-wide, we are left with nearly 3,500 used meters of varying sizes. The bulk (3,375) of the meters extracted are ¾ inch in size. The remaining meters range in size from one to six inches in diameter. The used meters will be sold to the highest bidder in one lot, with the City reserving the right to refuse/reject any and all bids. A Request for Bids for this surplus sale will be advertised on May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup>, and June 7<sup>th</sup>, will all bids received opened on June 11, 2012 at the Council's regular meeting. A "Bidder's Bond" payable to the City of Mansfield in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total bid must accompany each bid. Bidder's Bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Motion Passed Unanimously. (the Full Ordinance is recited below):

**CITY OF MANSFIELD**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 5 OF 2012**

AN ORDINANCE TO DECLARE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS AND  
TO DISPOSE OF SAME BY PRIVATE SALE AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**SECTION 1.**

The below listed used water meters are hereby declared to be surplus and no longer needed by the City of Mansfield.

<u>TYPE METER</u>	<u>NUMBER OF METERS</u>	<u>WEIGHTS (Approximate)</u>
¾ inch	3375	4 pounds each
1 inch	60	13 pounds each
2 inch	48	18 pounds each
4 inch	7	61 pounds each
6 inch	4	128 pounds each

TOTAL METERS TO BE SOLD     3494

MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE BID FOR ALL METERS IN ONE LOT:     \$ 10,000.00

SECTION 2.

The above list of used water meters (totaling 3494 meters) shall be sold to the highest bidder in one lot, with the City reserving the right to refuse/reject any and all bids.

SECTION 3.

Notice of advertisement for sale is herewith authorized. Bids to be received on June 11, 2012 on or before 4:30 PM.

SECTION 4.

The minimum price, as indicated above which includes the sale of ALL 3494 used water meters in one lot, will be accepted in cash or money order only. Payment in full is required within thirty (30) days of acceptance by City Council action.

SECTION 5.

A "Bidder's Bond" payable to the City of Mansfield in an amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid must accompany each bid as a guarantee that, if awarded the bid, the Bidder will promptly honor the bid and remove the surplus items. The Bidder's Bond must be in the form of a money order (no cash or personal checks). Bidder's Bonds will be returned to unsuccessful bidders.

SECTION 6.

Any bid not honored within thirty (30) days of acceptance, is hereby rescinded, the five percent (5%) Bidder's Bond is hereby forfeited to the City of Mansfield, and the surplus item is hereby offered to the next highest bidder until the item is sold.

UPON MOTION OF ALDERMAN Joseph Hall, Jr., SECONDED BY ALDERMAN Troy N. Terrell, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 14th day of May, 2012, with the votes as follows:

AYES: 3 (Troy N. Terrell, Mitchell L. Lewis, Joseph Hall, Jr.)  
NAYS: 0  
ABSENT: 2 (G. B. Hall III, Alvin R. Woodley)  
ABSTAIN: 0

/s/ Curtis W. McCoy, Mayor

/s/ Marvin R. Jackson, Clerk

**Item D:** It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the advertisement of sealed public bids for the purchase of Aluminum Sulfate Solution and Caustic Soda Liquid for use at the City's Water Treatment Plant. The period of purchase for proposals shall be **July 1, 2012** through **December 31, 2012**, with the City reserving the right to refuse/reject any and all bids. The advertisement of bids will be published in our local journal (*The Enterprise*) on May 24<sup>th</sup>, May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 7<sup>th</sup>, with all bids received opened on June 11, 2012 at the Council's regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item E:** No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Alderman Troy Terrell and Alderman Joseph Hall stated that they had attended Mansfield High School's recent graduation commencement exercises. Both remarked on how nice the commencement was and on how articulate both the valedictorian and the salutatorian were when delivering their respective speeches. Mayor McCoy then acknowledged the presence of Mr. Bob Fisher, a project engineer formerly employed with Alliance, Inc. in Shreveport, LA. This is the engineering firm awarded a consultant's contract to assist with the addition/remodel of the City's No. 2 Fire Station facility. Mr. Fisher informed the Mayor and Councilmen that he is now employed with The Shaw Group, an environmental and infrastructure solutions company. No other comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:40 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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