

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
May 23, 2011

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, May 23th**, 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.** The oral call was suspended, but the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell – District **B**, and Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D.** **Absent:** Alvin R. Woodley –District **E.** **Press Present:** Kriston Newsom (*The Enterprise*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **May 9, 2011 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. 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. When no comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: Discussion and deliberation regarding the closure and abandonment of a portion of Dewey Street continued from the May 9th regular council meeting. This matter was first introduced at the May 9th meeting by Mr. Gilbert Stoma, who was accompanied by his legal counsel, Mr. Nick Gasper of the D. Scott Brown law office (Mansfield). Mr. Stoma owns the lot that the old Farmer Brown's Chicken restaurant used to occupy. At this meeting, Mr. Stoma offered that his intentions are to situate a commercial establishment near the easternmost portion of Dewey Street. Specifically, he owns the property situated immediately North and West of the intersection of U.S. Highway 84 West and U. S. Highway 171 North. Representing the City, Jim Ruffin stated that all businesses fronting Washington Avenue are served by a 6" water line and an 8" sewer line housed underneath Dewey Street. Further, concerns were voiced regarding how emergency vehicles and school buses would navigate through the neighborhood near this street if one end of it was closed to through traffic. If one end of the street is closed off, motorists would only be able to enter/exit at the west end of that thoroughfare. Mr. Stoma further stated that he had made contact with the only two residents still living on Dewey Street, and they voiced no objection to closing the end of the street to through traffic. Finally, despite the above concerns, it was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the advertisement of a public hearing on the abandonment and closure of the East 198 feet of Dewey Street. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to select the Mansfield Enterprise and Interstate Progress as the Official Municipal Journal for the City of Mansfield, pursuant to LA R.S. 43:141. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute the Annual Maintenance Agreement for Mowing and Litter Pickup FY ending **June 30, 2012** as submitted by the LA DOTD. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to adopt an Ordinance approving the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission to grant the request of **David P. and Janet H. Calhoun** to rezone property located at **7641 Hwy. 509** from an I-1 (Light Industry) district to a B-3 (Community and Central Business) district. Motion Passed Unanimously. The full ordinance is recited below:

ORDINANCE NO. 8 of 2011

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE FROM DISTRICT I-1 (LIGHT INDUSTRY DISTRICT) TO DISTRICT B-3 (COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LOT 19 OF LAKE ROAD ESTATES IN SEC 10 T12 R13 LESS A STRIP OFF THE E/S OF LOT 19 45 FT X 120 FT. ALSO BEG AT SW COR NE NW SEC 10 T12 R13, RUN N 88 DEG 55 MIN 33 SECONDS E 399.10 FT, S 29 DEG 5 MIN 7 SECONDS W 28.11 FT, N 88 DEG 55 MIN 33 SECONDS E 92. 52 FT, N 29 DEG 5 MIN 7 SECONDS E 138.78 FT TO BEG, RUN N 88 DEG 55 MIN 33 SECONDS E 248.27 FT, N 01 DEG 4 MIN 27 SECONDS W 15FT, S 88 DEG 55 MIN 33 SECONDS W 239.55 FT, S 29 DEG 5 MIN 7 SECONDS W 15 FT TO BEG (303-387)(395-760)(397-284) LESS R/W FOR HWY 509 (661-394)(787-829)(1151-483). **(7641 Hwy. 509)**

WHEREAS, a petition to the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission was properly filed requesting that the property described here-in-above be rezoned and all proper notices and procedures have been followed:

AND WHEREAS, the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission has recommended that said property be rezoned:

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

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from District I-1 (Light Industry District) to B-3 (Community and Central Business District) said property being described as here in above.

SECTION 2. All parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

UPON MOTION OF Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, SECONDED BY Alderman G. B. Hall III, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 23rd day of May, 2011, 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		Alvin R. Woodley	
Troy N. Terrell			
Mitchell L. Lewis			
Joseph Hall, Jr.			

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the advertisement of sealed public bids for the purchase of two (2) new Gateway Signs for the City of Mansfield with a bid opening date of July 8, 2011. Approximate cost of the signs is \$38,724 with dimensions of 20' long and 8.4' high. One of the signs will be situated along U. S. Highway 84E near the Mansfield Elementary Middle School, and the other on U. S. Highway 171N behind the Lowrey house. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: A discussion to consider increasing sewerage connection fees and water tap-on fees ensued. Current rates are \$100.00 each to connect to City water and sewer lines. A proposal was discussed to increase the rate for connection to sewer lines to \$200.00 inside the city limits and \$225.00 outside the City's corporate limits. Tap-on fees for water connectivity would increase to \$250.00 for residents inside the city limits and \$300.00 for residents living outside the city limits. To officially and legally increase these proposed rates, an Ordinance must be introduced and adopted. An Ordinance to increase the aforementioned rates will be included on the June 13th council meeting agenda for consideration.

Item F: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Alderman G. B. Hall III informed Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, that he had recently received numerous complaints of a bad odor emanating from the water used by residents living along LA Highway 175 North. Mr. Ruffin assured Alderman Hall that we would check into the complaint and explore ways to eradicate the offensive odor.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:56 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

