

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 24, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 oral roll call by the City Clerk was dispensed at the Mayor's request. The following officials were **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III – District **A**, J. Dudley Kemper – District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**. **Absent**: Alvin R. Woodley – District **E**. **Press Present**: None. Also present was James “*Jim*” Ruffin (City's Public Works Director), Richard Johnson, Jr. (City's Attorney), Brian Phillips (City's Code Enforcement Officer), Lee Shaver (City's Fire Chief), Don English (City's Police Chief), Nathan Brewer and Dustin Hasty (Mansfield police patrolmen), Cynthia “*Cindy*” Williams (City's Public Relations Officer), Leon Hunt (Owner of KJVC Radio Station), Arthur J. Williams, Jr. (member of Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission) and Scott Fuqua (Fuqua Oil Services).

It was MOTIONED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS and SECONDED by G. B. HALL III to approve the minutes of the **May 10, 2010** *regular* city council meeting with the following correction noted: The minutes stated that Troy Terrell would replace Mr. Kemper effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. That information was published in error. Councilman elect Troy Terrell will replace Mr. J. Dudley Kemper as alderman for District B beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Kemper will remain alderman for District B through June 30, 2010. The reading of the minutes was dispensed. Passed Unanimously after correction noted.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. When none were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

**Old Business:**

**Item A:** It was MOTIONED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approve the recommendation from BALAR Associates, Inc. to award a construction contract to **Milco Utilities, Inc.** for Wastewater Collection System Extensions at DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center. Milco Utilities submitted the lowest responsive bid for this project in the amount of **\$116,414.50**. Three (3) other contractors submitted bids in the following specified amounts: **David Lawler Construction, Inc.** (\$120,567.00), **Trenchless Methods, Inc.** (\$120,790.00), and **Wicker Construction, Inc.** (\$125,184.00). 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 approve Chief Don English's recommendation to hire officers **Nathan T. Brewer** and **Dustin B. Hasty** full-time in the Mansfield Police Department. Officer Brewer has been employed with the Police Department since December 11, 2009 and Officer Hasty since January

19, 2010. Both patrolmen have completed their mandatory probationary periods and have attained an excellent attendance record. Passed Unanimously.

**Item B.** Officer **Dustin B. Hasty's** recommendation for full-time employment with the Mansfield Police Department was approved simultaneously along with Officer Brewer (See Item A). Passed Unanimously.

**Item C.** It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and SECONDED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS to approved the recommendation of the City Clerk to offer full-time employment to Cynthia "*Cindy*" Williams with the City of Mansfield. Ms. Williams has been employed with the City since January 15, 2010 serving in the capacity of Public Relations Officer. She brings with her a wealth of knowledge and skills in this area and has been a tremendous asset to the City Hall staff. Passed Unanimously.

**Item D.** It was MOTIONED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER and SECONDED by G. B. HALL III to adopt an Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield to increase the water rates; amending Section 21-53. The full ordinance is recited below:

CITY OF MANSFIELD

ORDINANCE NO.   4   OF 2010

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE  
CITY OF MANSFIELD TO INCREASE THE WATER RATES; AMENDING  
SECTION 21-53

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

SECTION 1.

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield, Article III entitled "Water", Sec. 21-53, entitled "Water rates" is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(a) *Inside City of Mansfield corporate limits.* Any person purchasing water from the city water system whose using premises are located inside the city limits shall pay the following water rates:

- (1) Fourteen dollars and no cents (\$14.00) for the first two thousand (2000) gallons; plus
- (2) Four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per one thousand (1000) gallons or part thereof in excess of two thousand (2000) gallons.

(b) *Outside City of Mansfield corporate limits.* Any person purchasing water from the city water system whose using premises are located outside the city limits shall pay the following water rates:

- (1) Sixteen dollars and no cents (\$16.00) for the first two thousand (2000) gallons; plus
- (2) Five dollars and twenty-five cents (\$5.25) per one thousand (1000) gallons or part thereof in excess of two thousand (2000) gallons.

SECTION 2.

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

Upon motion made by Alderman       J. Dudley Kemper      , seconded by Alderman       G. B. Hall III      , the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on the   24<sup>th</sup>   day of   May  , 2010 with the votes as follows:

YEAS:             4   (G. B. Hall III, J. Dudley Kemper, Mitchell L. Lewis and Joseph Hall, Jr.)  
NAYS:             0    
ABSENT:          1   (Alvin R. Woodley)

**Item E.** It was MOTIONED by G B. HALL III and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to approve **Change Order No. 1** as submitted by **TGS Contractor's Inc.** related to the City's Water Distribution System Improvements Project. This was an additive change order in the amount of \$22,531.00 to the original contract price of \$191,636.55. The adjusted contract price to date thereby is **\$214,167.55**. Passed Unanimously.

**Item F.** It was MOTIONED by G. B. HALL III and SECONDED by J. DUDLEY KEMPER to approve **Change Order No. 1** as submitted by **Wicker Construction, Inc.** related to the City's Water Distribution System Improvements Project. This was an additive change order in the amount of \$49,537.50 to the original contract price of \$2,388,842.05. The adjusted contract price to date is \$2,438,379.55. Passed Unanimously.

**Item G.** It was MOTIONED by MITCHELL L. LEWIS and SECONDED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. to approve the request of **Mr. Scott Fuqua** (Fuqua Oil Services) for new water service at **4842 Hwy. 84, Mansfield, LA**. Passed Unanimously.

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 and Sewer Improvements project. Jim reported that all contractors (Thielsch Group, Inc., Wicker Construction, Inc., and Trenchless Methods, Inc.) are on target with their work according to the respective construction schedules. Both new water lines and new water meters are being installed as well as improvements to the City's sewer distribution system by Trenchless Methods, Inc. Mayor McCoy added that the lift station at the old Wal Mart shopping plaza would soon be eliminated and improvements to the wastewater collection system in that complex should commence within the next few weeks. Now that a construction contract has been awarded to a contractor for this work, the City should soon see this facility revitalized. Next to report was fire chief, Lee Shaver. Chief Shaver reported that he and his lieutenant recently attended a 40-hour training class at Camp Minden. The information disseminated to them at this workshop should prove beneficial as they intend to put the knowledge gained to use in their department immediately. Last to report was police chief, Don English. Chief English reported that in the last two weeks, a total of 122 citations had been issued. His department is also actively working on a case involving the death of a minor who resides in Sabine Parish. Chief English further reported that patrol at Mansfield High School's recent graduation went well. There were no notable vehicular incidents to report. Additionally, a city patrolman had sustained injury last night after responding to a domestic dispute call near Johnson Street. The Mayor then commended the Chief and his department for a job well done in protecting the citizens of Mansfield. Finally, Mayor McCoy added to Chief English's report by stating that he shows no leniency towards shoplifters in Mayor's Court. These offenders are sentenced to both community service and must pay the fine amount attached to committing this type of offense.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council members, no comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:58p.m., by MOTION from J. DUDLEY KEMPER and was SECONDED by JOSEPH HALL, JR. Passed Unanimously.

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