

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
May 27, 2014

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, May 27th, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** Troy N. Terrell –District **B.** **Other City Personnel Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk and Code Enforcement Officer), Gary Hobbs (Chief of Police), Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Richard Johnson (City Attorney). **Others Present:** Virginia Robbins Blackmon, Andrew “*Andy*” Robbins and Rev. Roy Jones. **Press Present:** Julie Morris (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **May 12, 2014 regular** City Council meeting and to 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 comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve a Resolution adopting the 2014 property tax millage rates. The City levies two millages upon the annual property tax roll –one for general alimony (8.070) and the other for general expenses (8.460). The latter was a millage renewed for a period of ten (10) years (beginning 2014 and ending 2023) at a special election held in the City of Mansfield on Tuesday, November 6, 2012. This tax (an estimated \$179,775 collected annually) is for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City. The result of the election was 1141 FOR the proposition and 686 AGAINST the Proposition, with the majority of votes **FOR** the Proposition. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Copy of Resolution on file at City Hall)

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a *Certificate of Substantial Completion* as recommended by BALAR Associates, Inc. and submitted by **M&M Builders, Inc.** for the Johnson Street Sidewalk Project. The Certificate was dated May 14, 2014 and declared the Work to be substantially complete when inspected by authorized representatives of the Owner, the Contractor and the Engineer on this date. A list of Incomplete Items with regard to this project was attached to the Certificate, and for this

remaining work, a total of **\$6,722.00** was retained until the listed items can be satisfactorily completed. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, a discussion ensued regarding a petition brought before the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission by Mrs. Virginia Robbins Blackmon of Virginia Properties Blackmon, L.L.C. to request a change in zone (from R-1 District to B-3 District) for property municipally known as **7526 Highway 509**. Mrs. Blackmon was present at this meeting and explained that a dwelling was situated on the property that she intends to remodel and convert into an office complex. Her request was met with approval from the Zoning Commission at their meeting on Wednesday, May 21st, and their recommendation was to request approval by the City Council on this petition. The property is more particularly described as: COMMENCING AT THE NE CORNER, NW/4, NE/4 SECTION 10, T12N-R13W, DESOTO PARISH, LA. THENCE NORTH 90 DEG. 00' 00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1579.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEG 00' 00" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 103.69 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 64 DEG. 08'18" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 227.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 55 DEG. 51' 56" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 276.43 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 37 DEG. 56' 29" EAST A DISTANCE OF 135.49 FEET; SOUTH 59 DEG. 51' 53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 283.16 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEG. 02' 11" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 393.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 64 DEG. 08' 18" EAST ADISTANCE OF 123.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING CONT. 1.93 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

Item D: In response to the petitioner's request and the Zoning Commission's recommendation, it was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to introduce a Proposed Ordinance (Ord. No. 5 of 2014) to rezone property at **7526 Highway 509** from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District) and authorize advertisement of the Proposed Ordinance on 06/05/14 and set the public hearing for 06/09/14. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the City Clerk declared the meeting adjourned at **4:36 p.m.**

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