

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
May 28, 2013

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, May 28th, 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman G. B. Hall III**. Following this, 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**, and Alderman Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent.**: Troy N. Terrell –District **B** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Other City Personnel Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Richard Johnson, Jr., (City Attorney). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr. (Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **May 13, 2013 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. Mr. A. J. Williams, Jr. rose to offer comments regarding item A under **New Business**. The item, if approved, would propose an amendment to the City’s charter whereby the Mayor’s salary would be increased annually from \$18,000.00 to \$45,000.00. Mr. Williams stated that the City Council should have no problem approving this proposal to amend the charter. Any resident of the City could readily attest to the numerous improvements made to City infrastructure to date since Mayor McCoy’s first term began in July 2002. The City has also experienced a boost in industrial and economic growth, due in large part to the Mayor’s hands-on leadership style. Mr. Williams remarked that as a resident of the City and this community, he fully endorses this proposal to increase the Mayor’s annual salary. Mr. Williams is also Vice Chairman of the City’s Planning & Zoning Commission (since January 1981). He expressed in explicit terms that he felt Mayor McCoy was very deserving of this increase in salary. Further, Mr. Williams stated that before Mayor McCoy’s administration began in 2002, he had worked with two other Mayors of this City, namely Druce A. Chapman (Chapman served from July 1982 until June 1986) and Harold L. Cornett (Cornett served from July 1986 until June 2002) and enjoyed his working relationship with these former Mayors. Conversely, he intimated that it has been his privilege to have worked alongside the current Mayor. No other comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the City attorney to draft a proposed amendment to the City’s charter whereby Section 4 of charter is amended to provide for an increase in the Mayor’s salary from

\$18,000.00 annually to \$45,000.00 annually. The agenda item also noted a job classification change from part-time to full-time. However Alderman Hall made his motion omitting any language regarding a change in job classification. He motioned only to the change in salary. There will be no recitation in the proposed Charter amendment to specify a job classification change. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the publishing of a Public Notice proposing to amend Section 4 of the Charter of the City of Mansfield to provide for an increase in the Mayor's annual salary from \$18,000 to \$45,000. There is, however, to be no recitation of language in the notice with regard to a change in job classification—only to change the amount in annual salary. The notice will appear in our local journal (*The Enterprise*) on June 6th, June 13th and June 20th to allow for public comment. Any objections to the proposed amendment by electors of the City must be in writing and addressed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve **Change Order No. 5** (misprint on agenda -not Change Order No. 4) as submitted by BALAR Associates, Inc. on behalf of **F. J. Burnell, Inc.** for the LA DOTD Mansfield Neighborhood Sidewalk Enhancement Program. This was a deductive Change Order in the amount of -\$17,522.70. This reconciliatory Change Order reflects actual installed quantities and deleted work or work that will not be completed. However, one new item is being added for the adjustment of catch basins for the two catch basins that need to be elevated on LA Hwy. 175. The total contract price is now adjusted down from 462,702.10 to \$445,184.40. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve **Change Order No. 3** as submitted by **Cecil D. Gassiot, L.L.C.** for the Water Treatment Facility Improvements project. This was an additive Change Order in the amount of **\$34,839.00** and represented a modification to our chemical feed pump at the Water Treatment Plant. It was also for the installation of certain valves and other connections to the clarifier at the plant. This sum is hereby added to the total contract bid price of \$1,792,443.00, and the adjusted contract price to date is now increased to **\$1,827,282.00**. Additionally, the time provided for completion of the contract is increased by 21 calendar days. This document shall become an amendment to the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to terminate the employment of Mr. **Michael A. Hackworth** with the City of Mansfield. Mr.

Ruffin offered that since the beginning of this year, Mr. Hackworth's job performance had shown a steady decline. Further, he was recently cited for carelessness in the performance of his duties, insubordination and rudeness to fellow employees at the water treatment plant. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission granting the request of Mr. **Kenneth R. Hewitt** to place a mobile home on property municipally known as **1103 South Washington Street**. The property bears the following legal description: LOT 5 BLK 4 JUNCTION HGHTS SUBD MFLD (216-545)(693-129)(693-135)(760-37). (693-244)(694-646)(760-60)(762-664) (1103 South Washington St.). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve a Resolution adopting a **Citizen Participation Plan** for the LCDBG Program for FY 2014-2015 in accordance with Section 508 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974. The plan describes how the City of Mansfield intends to involve citizens in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the local Community Development Block Grant program. Adopting this plan also sets forth the scheduling of a public hearing to obtain views from the electors of the City on the housing and community development needs of the City and to discuss the submission of an application for funding under this grant program for the impending fiscal year. All residents, particularly low and moderate income persons and residents of slum and blighted areas are encouraged to attend this meeting, when scheduled. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item H: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy, commented that the City is currently attempting to repair as many City streets as our local budget will allow. Some of the streets slated for repair border state-owned streets. The LA DOTD has been contacted regarding repair to the streets they own and has promised to include certain, targeted streets on their Overlay Priority List. On a separate matter, Mayor McCoy remarked that the City's recent purchase of a Ladder Fire Truck (cost \$698,000) will help in our efforts to lower the City's fire insurance rating. The truck was afforded from Haynesville Shale activity in prior years and is housed in the newly constructed Fire Station No. 2 facility. Finally, the Aldermen present and a few other attendants expressed interest in touring the City's Water Treatment Plant. A tour will be arranged tentatively in early June to accommodate those desiring to tour the facility.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:49 p.m.**, by MOTION from **G. B. HALL III** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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

