

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
May 29, 2012

In a *special* meeting called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor Pro-Tempore and the Board of Aldermen met in *special* session on **Tuesday, Tuesday, May 29th**, in Mansfield City Hall, located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Pro-Tem, Mitchell L. Lewis 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 G. B. Hall III**. The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Ho. Mayor Pro-Tempore Mitchell L. Lewis, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Alvin R, Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. Others Present: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Administrative Assistant), Eboni Park (Public Relations Officer), Richard Johnson, Jr. (City Attorney) and Rodney G. Arbuckle (Sheriff –DeSoto Parish). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the minutes of the **May 14, 2012 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. 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 **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve selection of the **Mansfield Enterprise and Interstate Progress** to serve as the Official Municipal Journal for the City of Mansfield pursuant to LA R. S.: 43:141 for fiscal year **July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL LEWIS** to adopt an Ordinance approving the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone property located on **211 First Street** from an R-2 (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-2 (Community and Central Business District) at the request of the **DeSoto Parish Law Enforcement District**. Representing the Law Enforcement District was DeSoto Parish Sheriff, Mr. Rodney G. Arbuckle, who stated that the proposed site will be used for the construction of a vehicle maintenance and storage facility. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

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Item C: It was MOTIONED by **TROY N. TERRELL** and SECONDED **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve **Change Order No. 4** as submitted by *David Lawler Construction, Inc.* for the Phase II Water Distribution System Improvements Project. This was an additive change order in the amount of **\$67,402.50** increasing the current contract price of \$2,949,441.32 (as a result of Change Order No. 3) to \$3,016,843.82. This Change Order represents the City's request to add new 3" water mains along W. Robertson Street from Saunders Street (east) 325 linear feet to end of line and also along Ruffin Alley from Railroad Avenue (south) 900 linear feet to end at Church Street. Select 'add items' represent the City's request to include the relocation of seventy-seven (77) residential domestic service meters from the rear of properties to the curb. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the recommendation of the City Clerk to offer full-time employment status to Ms. **Eboni S. Parker**, currently employed in the capacity of Public Relations Officer for the City of Mansfield. Ms. Parker was original hire date was February 6, 2012. She has proven to be an asset to the City in her performance of the duties related to this position. Further, she is punctual, hard-working and takes the initiative to perform tasks not expressly assigned to her. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor Pro-Tem Mitchell L. Lewis commented that he had been fielding inquiries regarding who to contact to perform animal control. He was reminded that the City has a 6-month arrangement with the DeSoto Parish Police Jury. Residents needing this specific service should utilize the Police Jury while this covenant is in force. Finally, Alderman G. B. Hall III announced that improvements to **Laura Street** are scheduled to commence on June 4th. No other comments were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:42 p.m.**, by MOTION from **G. B. HALL III** and was SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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