

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
November 23, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **November 23rd**, via *teleconference* due to the current State of Emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** Following the pledge, the clerk called the roll to record those council members in attendance. Following the pledge, the clerk asked each council member on the *teleconference* to confirm their participation by signifying a verbal ‘present’ as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Mary J. Green –District **A**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating on the call**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Melony McCarty (Accountant). **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **November 9, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance/participating to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Constituents had been invited to participate in the meeting with regard to public comments using the method of either emailing, faxing or phoning in by 4:00 p.m., any public comments they wanted to offer during the Public Comments Period. Since no comments were received by any of the methods outlined above, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: Ordinance No. 4 of 2020 was re-introduced, drafted to amend the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield to **increase** sewerage use fees, amending Section 21-46 (*Sewer System Charges*) of Division 2, of Article II (*Sewer Use*) in Chapter 21. This **Ordinance** was originally introduced at the City Council’s November 9th regular meeting. The title of the **Ordinance** was approved for advertisement in the city’s local journal (*The Enterprise*) in its November 19th edition, with a public hearing on same scheduled to be conducted at the City Council’s November 22rd regular meeting. However, the **Ordinance** title did not appear in the November 19th edition of our local journal. Due to the omission of the Notice of Public Hearing, the public hearing on this matter could not be conducted. At this meeting, **Ordinance No. 4 of 2020** was re-introduced. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the December 10th edition of our local journal, and to set a public hearing on same at the City Council’s regular meeting scheduled for December 14th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to authorize advertisement for sealed public bids for the purchase of **Aluminum Sulfate Solution (TOTES)** for use at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant. The advertisement will be published in the city's local journal (*The Enterprise*) for three (3) consecutive weeks, beginning on December 3rd. Any sealed bids received will be opened on December 21st, taken under advisement, and tabulated. A recommendation to accept the lowest responsible bidder will be offered at the December 28th regular meeting of the City Council. The purchase period for this chemical will be from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: Ordinance No. 6 of 2020 was introduced, drafted to review and recommend adoption of an Operating Budget and Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2021. At this time, Alderman **Joseph Hall, Jr.** requested an informal meeting with the Mayor and accountant before the next regular City Council meeting to satisfy any inquiries the Aldermen may have regarding the budget proposed for the ensuing year. To review the budget, the Aldermen would meet in groups of two prior to the December 14th regular meeting. It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the December 10th edition of *The Enterprise*, and set a public hearing on same to be conducted at the December 14th regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, there were no comments offered by either the Mayor or any of the Aldermen.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:10 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., Mayor
Marvin R. Jackson, Clerk