

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
November 13, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **Monday, November 13th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis W. McCoy called the 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **-Mayor**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Brenda H. Hall –District **B**, and Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Kervin D. Campbell –District **E** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), and Latarsha Shelton (Fire Dept. Chief). **Others Present**: A. J. Williams, Jr. and Jeremy Triplett (*LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries*) **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL** to approve the minutes of the **October 23, 2017 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. 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 subsequently closed.

Old Business: -None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation offered by **BALAR Associates, Inc.** to approve Change Order No. 3 as requested by contractor **Bayou Country Contractors & Irrigation, L.L.C.** for the 2014/2015 LCDBG-funded Wastewater Collection Systems Improvements Project, upon concurrence by the Office of Community Development (OCD). Upon concurrence by the OCD and once fully executed, this Change Order will allow an additional 210 calendar days for completion of the contract resulting in a new completion date of January 21, 2018. Further, this is an additive change order in the amount of **\$22,900**. The original contract amount of \$703,496.10 was adjusted due to previous Change Orders down to \$689,636.10. The sum of **\$22,900** adjusts the current contract price up to \$712,536.10. This Change Order was necessary to accommodate conditions encountered during construction. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation offered by **BALAR Associates, Inc.** to approve Change Order No. 1 as requested by contractor **Dixie Overland Construction, L.L.C.** for the Vida Street

Drainage Improvements project. This is an additive Change Order in the amount of **\$5,858**, and adjusts the original contract price of \$29,717 up to **\$35,757**. Further, there was no calendar days added to the anticipated contract completion date. This Change Order was drafted and presented to accommodate conditions encountered during construction. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, proposed **Ordinance No. 7 of 2017** was introduced, drafted to set an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018. It was MOTIONED by **BRENDA H. HALL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance on 11/23/17 and set a public hearing on same for 11/27/17. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to amend the city's 2017 Holiday Schedule to authorize December 26th as an official, day off in addition to December 25th for the Christmas holiday. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No other new business discussed.

Item F: During the period set aside for comments from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Mayor McCoy acknowledged the presence of a new game warden/agent employed by the **LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries**. The agent introduced to the city council and others present was named **Jeremy Triplett**. Mr. **Triplett** was allowed to stand and offer a brief statement about himself, his credentials and his background. He mentioned that he was new to the area, but offered his services and the services of his office to those present, if the need ever arises. In addition, the Mayor remarked that commercial Christmas decorations are being installed city-wide through the efforts of one of the members of the Mansfield Alive Committee (an organization formed and sanctioned during his first term in office). Finally, at the request of the Mayor, the city clerk was asked to inform the council on the status of the proposed new **Tractor Supply Store**. The clerk informed the council that construction is slated to begin by month's end and that the project manager anticipates a late March, early April 2018 grand opening date.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:49 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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