

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
November 12, 2013

In a *special meeting* called pursuant to the provisions of R.S.: 42.7, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, November 12th, 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 G. B. Hall III.** 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**, Troy N. Terrell – District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell – District **E.** **Absent:** None. **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:** None. **Press Present:** Julie Morris –*The Enterprise.*

It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **October 28, 2013 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve 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. No comments were offered at this period. The **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: A Proposed Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 4 of 1980, was first introduced at the Board of Aldermen’s October 28th meeting and tabled when the Council requested additional time to review the document for possible further revisions. The Proposed Ordinance would classify “*Modular Building*” and “*Portable Building*” as a use requiring zoning approval, when used as a residential unit. This same Ordinance was reintroduced at the special City Council meeting held on 11/12/13, but was again tabled when the Council favored possibly having the City’s attorney revise the document and further define select sections of it. The Proposed Ordinance will possibly be reintroduced again at a future meeting after it has been modified and the modifications meet with the Mayor and Council’s approval.

Item B: This agenda item involved the Council’s consideration to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission to grant the request of **Emma Ruth Henderson** to place a portable building for residential use in an R-2 (Multi-Family Residence) District at **152 Mississippi Street.** However, no action may be taken on this matter until the Proposed Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance (Ord. No. 4 of 1980) has been adopted. The petitioner’s request will be brought before the City Council for consideration at some future date, after adoption of the Proposed Ordinance. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other Old Business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to authorize the advertisement of sealed bids for the purchase of *Aluminum Sulfate Solution* and *Caustic Soda Liquid* for use at the City's Toledo Bend Water Treatment Plant. The purchase period will be 01/01/14 through 06/30/14. All sealed bids received will be opened and taken under advisement at the Council's 12/09/13 regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a *Cooperative Endeavor Agreement* with the **DeSoto Parish Police Jury** to assist with regular maintenance of adjudicated properties in a satisfactory manner, properties which may pose a health and safety hazard to the public. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to accept the donation and conveyance by the **DeSoto Parish Police Jury** of property municipally located at **201 Polk Street** and authorize the Mayor to execute a *Quit Claim Deed* for transference of same . Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:37 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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