

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
November 24, 2014

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, November 24th**, 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 Roy R. Jones.** Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, Roy R. Jones –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** Mary L. Green –District **A.** **Other City Personnel Present:** James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk) and Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept.). **Others Present:** Beulah Wilson and Kevin Wilson. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **November 10, 2014 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ROY R. JONES** 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 then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to adopt a Resolution providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 to submit to the qualified electors thereof a certain local option proposition relative to the sale of alcoholic beverages by certain restaurant establishments. After tabulation of the votes cast, the returns resulted in a total of **924** votes IN FAVOR OF the Proposition and a total of **583** votes AGAINST the Proposition. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed at this meeting.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission granting the request of **Beulah Smith Wilson** to place a **mobile home** on property located in an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) municipally known as **240 Lake Road** and bearing a legal description of: BEG AT SW COR LOT 26 PINECREST SUBD, MFLD, RUN NELY ALONG E/L OF LAKE RD 100 FT TO BEG, RUN E 195.3 FT, N 122 FT, W TO E/R/W OF LAKE RD 144 FT, RUN SWLYALONG E/S OF LAKE RD 131.3 FT TO BEG. ALSO BEG AT NW COR LOT 21 PINECREST SUBD, MFLD, SD PT BEING THE COR OF LAKE RD & FLORENCE ST, MFLD, & RUN E ALONG FLORENCE ST 162.3 FT, S 157 FT, W 60 FT FOR BEG,

TH RUN S 122 FT, W 25 FT, N 122 FT, E 25 FT TO BEG, LESS: BEG AT NE COR LOT 21 PINECREST SUBD, RUN S 157 FT, W 60 FT TO BEG, RUN S 7 FT, W 25 FT, N 7 FT, E 25 FT TO BEG (393-48)(394-158)(762-605) (795-586). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: Proposed **Ordinance No. 11 of 2014** was introduced and is intended to amend Chapter 10, Article II, Division 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield as it relates to the rates charged for commercial and non-commercial garbage collection. The rates for commercial garbage collection were originally levied in December 1980 and have never been amended. An Ordinance to levy rates for non-commercial garbage collection was originally adopted in October 2006, and is being amended for the first time since adopted in 2006. The rate being proposed for customers residing inside the city limits is \$10.00. The outside city limit rate being proposed for non-commercial customers is \$15.00. The rates for commercial customers are being increased by \$24.00, depending on the amount of time consumed by the garbage collectors at the property for the garbage pickup. This action has become necessary with ever-increasing vehicle maintenance costs, fuel costs and other related expenses. Although the City owns two garbage trucks, its newest model is already ten years old. In the not-to-distant future, the City will need to consider purchasing a new unit, and must look at retaining some reserves to fund this impending expenditure. It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** authorize advertisement of the title of this Ordinance and set the public hearing for same for December 8, 2014. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: Proposed **Ordinance No. 12 of 2014** was introduced to consider adoption of the City's Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015. The fiscal year 2015 is forecast to provide **\$5,824,850** in estimated revenue, with expenditures being within the anticipated revenues. Following a brief discussion, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** authorize advertisement of the Notice of Public Hearing in the December 4th edition of our local journal, and set the public hearing for December 8, 2014. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: Proposed **Ordinance No. 13 of 2014** was introduced to rezone property located at **157 Goins Lane** from a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District) to an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) at the request of petitioner **Linda Jean Robert Goins**. Mrs. Goins was present at the meeting of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission held on November 19th, and stated that when the property was rezoned to a B-3 District three years ago, the intention was to offer it for sale as a commercial parcel. However, since it did not sale as commercial, a realtor advised her to petition to have the parcel rezoned back to residential and offer it for sale once converted back to a parcel in an R-1 District. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Proposed Ordinance in our local journal on December 4th, and set the public hearing for December 8, 2014. Motion Passed Unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:44 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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