

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
November 26, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, November 26th**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis.** The oral 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 Cynthia T. Cruse –District **E.** **Absent:** None. **Other City Personnel Present:** James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Joseph Pratt (Police Chief), Eboni Parker (Public Relations Officer) **Others Present:** Dicie Gray, Vergie Ashton, Reginald Partner, Rita Myles, and Donald Mosley. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **November 13, 2012 special** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. 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: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt an Ordinance approving the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission to grant the request of Mr. **Reginald Partner** to change zoning at **295 King Street** from an R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) to an R-2 (Multi-Family Family Residence District). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 10 of 2012

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE FROM AN R-1 DISTRICT (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) TO AN R-2 DISTRICT (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LOTS 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, ALL IN W.A.F. SUBD. (**295 King Street**)

WHEREAS, a petition to the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission was properly filed requesting that the property described here-in-above be rezoned and all proper notices and procedures have been followed:

AND WHEREAS, the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission has recommended that said property be rezoned:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, in special session convened:

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to an R-2 (Multi-Family Residence District) said property being described as herein above.

SECTION 2. All parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

UPON MOTION OF Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr. SECONDED BY Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 26th day of November, 2012, with the votes as follows:

Yeas: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 0 Abstain: 0

/s/ Curtis W. McCoy
/s/ Marvin R. Jackson

Item B: The City's proposed 2013 Budget of Revenue and Expenditures was distributed to the Council members in their agenda packages several days before this council meeting. This was done to allow them ample time to review the data contained in the document and be prepared to pose any inquiries or make any comments/remarks regarding same. It was noted by the City Clerk that the 2013 budget forecasts anticipated revenues of \$6,505,225, while fiscal year 2012 reflected estimated revenues at 9,715,270. However, the 2012 budget was introduced in 2011, at a period when Haynesville Shale activity was at its peak. Recent activity has shown a gradual and constant decline in revenue streams impacted by the Shale. Nevertheless, the City offers that revenues anticipated in 2013 are sufficient to fund future capital improvements and other related expenditures.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to schedule the public hearing for Monday, December 10, 2012 to discuss and hear comments concerning the City of Mansfield's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013. A detailed copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at City Hall between the hours of 8:00AM to

4:30PM, Monday through Friday, beginning November 30, 2012. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy reported that drainage improvement work continues on Gibbs Street at Jacobs St. These improvements should be completed by the first week of December. He further reported that once this project is complete, the contractor (Regional Construction) is scheduled to begin effecting street improvements on Bernard Street, and then later mobilize a construction crew back on Gibbs Street along Old Jefferson Highway for drainage improvements there. Also, he informed the Council and attendees that another contractor (David Lawler Construction) had installed new water lines on the property in the rear of the Wal Mart SuperCenter out near Hwy. 509. This was done in anticipation of a new commercial business being proposed for construction there. Additionally, he stated that the second phase of intersection improvements near Sonic Drive-In is underway and is slated for completion in early 2013. Finally, the new Dollar General store (505 Washington Ave.) and the new JJ's Fast Trac Convenience Store (106 Washington Ave.) are expected to open the first or second week of December. On a separate matter, Mayor McCoy remarked that at an on-site meeting on December 14th with representatives from the LA DOTD and KCS Railway Company, Alderman Mitchell, city personnel, community leaders and concerned citizens voiced their strong opposition to the closing of the railroad crossing on Jefferson Street. To formally intimate the City's position on this matter, we are to draft a letter stating the reasons for opposing this action by the LA DOTD. However, the City will consent to maintaining the approaches and advance warning signs at the crossing.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:40 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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