

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
November 28, 2011

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, November 28th**, 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 G. B. Hall III**. 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**: Honorable 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 Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Press Present**: Eboni Parker -*The Enterprise*, Vickie Welborn –*The Times*, and Edna Wheless and Leslie Turner –*The Tribune*.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the minutes of the **November 14, 2011 regular** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor 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 **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the receipt and opening of all sealed public bids for the chemicals, Aluminum Sulfate Solution 17% and Caustic Soda Liquid 25% Diaphragm for use at the City's Water Treatment Plant and take under advisement. The following is a summary of the sealed bid proposals received: For Aluminum Sulfate Solution (4,800 gals./delivery): **DPC Industries, Inc.** - \$299.00/dry ton delivered, **Harcros Chemicals, Inc.** –No bid proposal submitted, **Premier Chemicals & Services** -\$449.50/dry ton delivered, and **G E O Specialty Chemicals** - \$351.50/dry ton delivered. For Caustic Soda Liquid (3,500 gals./delivery): **DPC Industries, Inc.** -\$770.00/dry ton delivered, **Harcros Chemicals, Inc.** -\$739.00/dry ton delivered, **Premier Chemicals & Services** -\$743.90/dry ton delivered, and **G E O Specialty Chemicals** –No bid proposal submitted. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, the Mayor opened the floor for a public hearing to discuss and hear any comments regarding the City of Mansfield's proposed operating budget for fiscal year **2012**. When no questions, comments or concerns were voiced, the public hearing was then closed.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt an Ordinance approving the City's Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for fiscal year **2012**. The full Ordinance is recited below:

**CITY of MANSFIELD
PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE
ORDINANCE 21 of 2011**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN OPERATING BUDGET OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2012 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2012.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, City of Mansfield, in general session convened that:

SECTION 1: The attached detailed estimate of revenues for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Revenues for the City of Mansfield during the said period.

SECTION 2: The attached estimates of expenditures by department for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012, and ending December 31, 2012, being the same is hereby adopted to serve as an operating Budget of Expenditures for the City of Mansfield during the said period.

SECTION 3: The adoption of the Operating Budget of Expenditures being the same is hereby declared to operate as an appropriation of the amount therein set forth within the terms of the budget classification.

SECTION 4: Amounts are available for expenditures only to the extent included within the 2012 Budget.

SECTION 5: All power to alter this Budget is reserved by the Board of Aldermen.

Upon motion by Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr., seconded by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, passed and adopted at Mansfield, Louisiana on this 28th day of November, 2011.

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

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement

with the DeSoto Healthcare Center, Inc. in support of efforts to offer more affordable health care services to the poor and indigent citizens of the city and parish. To elaborate further on this issue, Mayor McCoy invited Mrs. Detries Morris, a nurse practitioner and CEO of the healthcare center, to offer additional comments on this initiative. The endeavor agreement was a request to partner with the City of Mansfield to work through Project P.R.E.V.E.N.T. (Proactively Responding by Eliminating Vulnerability Elements and Nurse Training) to improve healthcare outcomes among individuals throughout the communities of Mansfield. Several of the alderman expressed positive remarks regarding this partnership. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: As a final item of New Business, Mayor McCoy invited a presentation delivered by Assistant Chief of Police, **Gary D. Hobbs**. Asst. Chief Hobbs explained that for the past several years, the Mansfield Police Department has partnered with International Paper Company of Mansfield and Zachry Industries, Inc. to sponsor a toy drive for underprivileged children and youth in Mansfield. This endeavor has been a huge success and seems to grow larger each year. Asst. Chief Hobbs then announced that each alderman was being given an allocation of **\$500.00** to be used for toy purchases in his respective district. In addition, this organization is also extending its generosity to nursing home residents in Mansfield, as small gifts will also be given to those residents. The toys and gifts are slated for distribution on December 16th.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy asked if the city clerk would inform the council about the two additional days (December 23rd and December 30th) that will be added to the City's 2011 holiday schedule. City Clerk Marvin Jackson stated that on November 4, 2011, Governor Bobby Jindal proclaimed that Friday, **December 23, 2011** will be declared a legal holiday in addition to Monday, **December 26, 2011** and that both shall be observed as days of rest. Also, on November 4th, Governor Jindal proclaimed that Friday, **December 30, 2011** will be declared a legal holiday in addition to Monday, **January 2, 2012** and that both shall be observed as days of rest.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:50p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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