

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
November 9, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, November 9th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Pro Tempore, Honorable Mitchell L. Lewis 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 Kervin D. Campbell.** Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present:** Hon. Mitchell L. Lewis, **Mayor Pro-Tempore**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** Mayor Curtis W. McCoy and Roy R. Jones –District **B.** **Other City Personnel Present:** Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk) and James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director). **Others Present:** Rita Myles and Latarsha Shelton. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **October 26, 2015 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** 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: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the **Certificate of Substantial Completion** (dated 11/2/15) as submitted by **Cecil D. Gassiot, LLC** and recommended by our consulting engineering firm, **BALAR Associates, Inc.** for the Water Facilities Improvements Project. A site review of this project was recently performed by BALAR, a representative from the Department of Health & Hospitals, the City’s Public Works Director (Jim Ruffin), and our Water Treatment Plant Manager (Tommy Vines). The site visit revealed that all work as specified in the Construction Contract had been substantially completed to the satisfaction of the City. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the Mayor’s renewal of the City’s **Water Purchase Contract** with the **Sabine River Authority of Louisiana** for an additional ten (10) years to the original contract, beginning January 1, 2016 and expiring December 31, 2025. The raw water rate beginning January 1, 2016 shall be fifteen cents per thousand gallons (\$0.15 per 1000 gallons) which is the current rate for raw water withdrawn from the reservoir. It is further provided that the rate may

be reestablished every five (5) years, and the new rate will apply to the second five (5) years of the ten (10) year option period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve adoption of a **Resolution** whereby the City agrees to pay for engineering services in the amount of **\$46,400** and for administrative services in the amount of **\$37,200** which are fees associated with the implementation of its proposed 2016/2017 LCDBG project. By doing so, the City will receive two (2) bonus points for its matching monetary contributions. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve adoption of a **Resolution** in support of CLECO's (Central Louisiana Electric Co.) acquisition by *North American Investor Group* led by *Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets* and *British Columbia Investment Management Corporation*. We were told by CLECO representatives that the company will remain a Louisiana entity and continue to operate under the same *brand name* (CLECO). Also, CLECO will retain current senior management personnel and employee headcount, salaries and benefits for at least five years following the close of this transaction. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: Proposed **Ordinance No. 10 of 2015** was introduced which seeks to adopt an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2016 and ending December 31, 2016. It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to authorize advertisement of a Notice of Public Hearing in the November 19th edition of *The Enterprise*, and to set the Public Hearing for the regular council meeting scheduled for 11/23/15 at 4:30 p.m. The Public Hearing will give constituents an opportunity to discuss and offer comments on the City's proposed budget for fiscal year 2016. A detailed copy of the proposed budget will be available for inspection at City Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, beginning November 24, 2015. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Mitchell L. Lewis, *Mayor Pro Tempore*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*