

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**October 22, 2018**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **October 22nd**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor John Mayweather, Sr. called the meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John Mayweather, Sr., - **Mayor**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell – District **E**. **Absent**: Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), and Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer). Others Present: A. J. Williams, Jr., Jimmy Davis Jones, and Betty Carter. **Press Present**: Chris Dodson (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **October 8, 2018 *regular*** 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. When none were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

**Old Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve acceptance of all high bids received and opened on October 8<sup>th</sup> for the City's 2018 **Surplus Equipment Sale**. A total of seven (7) items were included on this year's Surplus Equipment Sale list, but only one (1) item was bid on. A 2003 Ford Pickup Truck garnered two (2) sealed bids –one from Mr. **Billy Cotton** (bid \$550 with a \$60 bidder's bond attached) and the other bid submitted was received from Ms. **Wendy Ross** (bid \$505 without a bid bond attached). Of the two bids submitted, only Mr. **Cotton's** bid could be accepted. His bid included the required 10% bidder's bond, and Ms. **Ross'** did not. Mr. **Cotton** will be contacted and instructed to remit the remaining \$490.00 due to consummate the sale. Ms. **Ross** will be notified that her bid was rejected due to absence of the required bidder's bond. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business discussed.

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve an authorization for the Mayor Pro Tempore to preside over Mayor's Court in the absence of the Mayor as set forth in LA R.S. 33:405(A)(6), or in the absence of both the Mayor and the Mayor Pro Tem, the city's attorney would preside over Mayor's Court. An LA Attorney General's opinion (#17-0092) was released on October 4, 2017, mandating that the

Mayor Pro Tempore could not preside over a Mayor's Court. The magistrate presiding over a Mayor's Court in the Mayor's absence must be an attorney. The opinion further stated that the Board of Aldermen, upon request of the Mayor, could appoint one or more attorneys to preside over a Mayor's Court. However, that October 2017 opinion was recently recalled and replaced with AGO opinion #17-0092A. This new opinion now reverts back to the original mandate, allowing a Mayor Pro Tem to preside over a Mayor's Court in the Mayor's absence, upon written consent of the Mayor. This new opinion was released on July 31, 2018. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the advertisement of sealed public bids for the purchase of **Aluminum Sulfate Solution** and **Caustic Soda Liquid 25% Diaphragm** for use at the city's Toledo Bend Water Treatment Plant. A Request for Bids will be published in our local journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*) for three (3) consecutive weeks, beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Any sealed bids received will be opened at the City Council's regular meeting scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, with all low bidders accepted on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The bid purchase period will span January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the advertisement of sealed public bids for the purchase of **Aluminum Sulfate Solution TOTES** for use at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant. A Request for Bids will be published in our local journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*) for three (3) consecutive weeks, beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. Any sealed bids received will be opened at the City Council's regular meeting scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, with all low bidders accepted on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The bid purchase period will span January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to review and accept the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period 01/01/18 through 09/30/18 for the Corporation General Fund, and any additional funds identified as major funds of the City. The city clerk reminded the Mayor and Aldermen present that this report captures three (3) of the four quarters of the 2018 calendar year. Department Heads have been cautioned to closely monitor expenditures during the final quarter of 2018 to make certain they do not exceed budgeted allocations and appropriations in their respective areas. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No new other business discussed.

**Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members:** The Mayor thanked all the participants of the “*Keep America Beautiful*” initiative. Volunteers from all over the parish assembled on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, to collect trash and refuse within pre-designated neighborhoods and subdivisions throughout the parish. This cleanup initiative was deemed a huge success, despite inclimate weather. In the future, more attention will be placed on individuals caught littering in public. In the future, Article II, Division 2 of Chapter 10 of the Code of Ordinances will be more strictly enforced. Violators of this Ordinance will be issued citations. No comments were offered from any of the Aldermen.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:55 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

**John H. Mayweather, Sr.,** *Mayor*  
**Marvin R. Jackson,** *Clerk*