

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
October 8, 2018

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **October 8th**, 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 Christopher S. Thomas**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mary J. Green**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis – District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: None. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer) and Cherrelle Roland (Police Dept.). Others Present: A. J. Williams, Jr., Erel Jones, Betty Carter, Chassidy Robinson, and David Calhoun. **Press Present**: Martha Rivers (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **September 24, 2018 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** 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 none were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 8 of 2018**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner, ***C & P Rental Property, L.L.C.***, on property bearing a municipal address of **1114 Pegues Street**, from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District). When no comments or objections were voiced, the public hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve adoption of **Ordinance No. 8 of 2018**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner, ***C & P Rental Property, L.L.C.***, on property bearing a municipal address of **1114 Pegues Street**, from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 8 of 2018

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

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 1 BLK 1 BROADMOOR SUBD, MFLD. (1114 Pegues 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 Board of Aldermen has recommended that said property be rezoned:

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 ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Kervin D. Campbell on the 24th day of September, 2018, with second by Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr., and passed, to publish the Ordinance title on October 4, 2018, and present for adoption on October 8, 2018.

UPON MOTION OF Mitchell L. Lewis and SECONDED BY Mary J. Green, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 8th day of October 2018, with the votes as follows:

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

/s/ John H. Mayweather, Sr., Mayor
/s/ Marvin R. Jackson, City Clerk

Item C: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 9 of 2018**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner, **Cherelle Martin Roland**, on property bearing a municipal address of **1313 Pegues Street**, from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). This petition was presented to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission by Mrs. **Roland** at their regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 19th. Mrs. **Roland** stated that if the petition was approved, her intent is to sell retail designer clothes and accessories at this location. Her petition was approved by the Commission at their September 19th, and is now before the Board of Aldermen for discussion. When no comments or objections were voiced, the public hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the adoption of **Ordinance No. 9 of 2018**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner, **Cherelle Martin Roland**, on property bearing a municipal address of **1313 Pegues Street**, from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 9 of 2018

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

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE FROM AN R-1 DISTRICT (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE DISTRICT) TO A B-3 DISTRICT (COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

LOTS 28 & 29 OF PINECREST SUBD., LESS & EXCEPT THE FOLLOWING-DESCRIBED PROPERTY TO-WIT: BEG AT THE SE COR OF LOT 29 OF PINECREST SUBD, OF THE TOWN OF MFLD, DESOTO PARISH, LA., AS PER PLAT OF SAID SUBD., ON FILE IN THE CONVEYANCE RECORDS OF DESOTO PARISH, TH RUN W ALONG THE N/L OF PEGUES ST. 160 FT, TH RUN N 229.9 FT (**1313 Pegues 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 Board of Aldermen has recommended that said property be rezoned:

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 (Community and Central Business District) said property being described as herein above.

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

This Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Kervin D. Campbell on the 24th day of September, 2018, with second by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis, and passed, to publish the Ordinance title on October 4, 2018, and present for adoption on October 8, 2018.

UPON MOTION OF Mary J. Green and SECONDED BY Mitchell L. Lewis, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 8th day of October, 2018, with the votes as follows:

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

/s/ John H. Mayweather, Sr., Mayor
/s/ Marvin R. Jackson, City Clerk

Item E: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner, **Cherelle Martin Roland** to situate a **portable** building for **commercial use** on property bearing a municipal address of **1313 Pegues Street**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the reception and opening of all sealed public bids submitted for the

City's 2018 Surplus Equipment Sale and take same under advisement, with all high bidders accepted at the City Council's October 22nd regular meeting. A total of seven (7) items were included on the list of Surplus Equipment, however; only one (1) item garnered any bid submissions. Two (2) bids were received on Item #5 of the Surplus Equipment list, which was a 2003 Ford F-150 Pickup Truck. The minimum bid that could be accepted for this item was \$500.00. The first bidder (**Billy Cotton**) submitted a bid of \$550.00, along with the required 10% Bidder's Bond. On an Official Bid Form, the second bidder (Wendy Ross) submitted a bid of \$505.00 on this item. However, her bid was not accompanied by the required 10% Bidder's Bond recited on the Bid Form. Therefore, Ms. Ross' bid could not be considered. After a vote by the City Council on October 22nd to accept **Billy Cotton's** bid submission, he will be contacted and instructed to remit the remaining amount due to consummate the sale of this item. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, the floor was given to DeSoto Parish resident Mr. **David Calhoun**. Mr. **Calhoun** appeared to make a plea to the Mayor and Councilman to accept a donation to the City of the "**Home of Nabors Trailers**" sign situated at the head of Oak Street and in front of the west side of the former **Nabors Trailers** truck trailer manufacturing facility. The sign measures approximately 16 feet high and 32 feet long. According to Mr. **Calhoun**, the **Nabors Trailers** plant was established circa 1923, and remained a mainstay in Mansfield for over 60 years (plant closed in January 1988). For over six decades, the plant employed hundreds of DeSoto parish residents and was one of this area's primary industries. In a letter dated October 1st from **Ark-La-Tex Investment & Development Corporation** (the current owner of the property where the sign is situated), this company's President and CEO (Jack "Bump" Skaggs) consents to donating the sign to the city. This corporation intends to sell the property where the former trailer plant is located to the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, and the police jury has expressed no interest in retaining the sign. Funds secured from private donors will be used to dismantle and then refurbish the sign and attached framework, and later relocated to a yet undetermined site within the City's corporate limits. Mr. **Calhoun** has secured a quote (\$14,500) from **Bossier Sign Company** (Bossier City, LA) to refurbish the sign and framework. If accepted, the City would only be requested to pay the monthly electric bill to have the sign illuminated and be responsible for mowing the grass in and around where the sign would be erected.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the Mayor to act as Representative and Official Signatory on an Act of Donation and Acceptance document between the City and the **Ark-La-Tex Investment & Development Corporation** for donation of the **Nabors Trailers** sign to the City. An Act of Donation document will be drafted for signature by this corporation's authorized signatory and by Mayor Mayweather, representing the City. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No new other business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: The Mayor informed the Council and those in attendance that the forming of a new committee to host various social and civic events, is under consideration. The committee would be responsible for organizing and hosting such community-oriented events as the City's annual Christmas parade, festivals, and the like. This new committee, tentatively being called "*Wake Up Mansfield*" will meet for the first time on Tuesday, October 16th at 4:30 p.m. here at Mansfield City Hall in the Council Meeting Room. The committee would be made up of volunteers of various ethnicities and professions, in an effort to represent all demographics. No comments were offered from any of the Aldermen.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:54 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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