

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**October 13, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Roy R. Jones**. Following the pledge, the roll was called, and the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Roy R. Jones –District **B**, and Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Other City Personnel Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones and Chief Gary Hobbs (Mansfield Police Dept.). Others Present: Vergie Ashton, A. J. Williams, Jr., and Aljay Cox III. **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **September 22, 2014 *regular*** City Council meeting and to dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** 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**: At this time, the clerk introduced Ordinance No. 10 of 2014 which requires compliance with Louisiana State Law and State Regulations relating to Cross-Connection Control and Backflow Prevention devices or methods, and provides for penalties for violation of same. Louisiana’s Plumbing Codes require public water systems to develop and implement cross-connection control programs to help protect public health by preventing contamination of the drinking water as it is delivered to water system customers. This program will impact both residential and non-residential water system customers. However, for both types of customers, the cross-connection control hazard posed to the public water system will be minimal if their plumbing was installed in compliance with the Uniform Plumbing Code. Residential customers who have on their premises, for example, an underground sprinkler system, a swimming pool or spa, a greenhouse, animal watering trough, or a water treatment system, may have to have a backflow preventer installed on their service lines. Non-residential customers affected by this program include such businesses or premises as car washes, commercial laundry/dry cleaners, hospitals, nursing homes, funeral homes and hair/nail salons. These customers will likewise have to have installed certain devices on their service lines, or provide alternate protection to prevent contamination of the public water system. After explanation, it was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize advertisement of the title of

the Ordinance in the October 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of our local journal (*The Enterprise*) and set the public hearing for same on October 27<sup>th</sup> (the date of the City Council's next scheduled, regular meeting). Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item B:** It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to a **Certificate of Substantial Completion** as submitted by the consulting engineering firm, BALAR Associates, Inc., for **David Lawler Construction, Inc.** for the Water Service Line Reconnections Project. The construction contract date was July 22, 2014 and the Date of Substantial Completion reflected on this Certificate is August 11, 2014. This date is also the Date of Commencement of any applicable warranties required by the Contract Documents. There were no 'Punch List' items attached to this Certificate that required completion or correction. All work performed on this project has been inspected and is believed to have been completed in accordance with the Contract Documents. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item C:** It was MOTIONED by **ROY R. JONES** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief **Gary Hobbs** to offer full-time employment to Patrol Officer **Aljay Cox III** in the Mansfield Police Department. Officer Cox has been employed with the City of Mansfield in this capacity since April 30, 2014. Since his brief tenure with the Police Department, Officer Cox has attained an excellent attendance record, has proven that he is capable of following the instructions given to him by his supervisors, and has demonstrated his ability to interact with the public in a professional manner. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item D:** No other New Business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:38 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **ROY R. JONES**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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