

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
October 22, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, October 22th**, 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**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Troy N. Terrell –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: None. **Others City Personnel Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Lee Shaver (Chief –Mansfield Fire Dept.), Richard Z. Johnson, Jr. –City Attorney.), and Natasha J. Pitts –MPD Patrol Officer). **Press Present**: Vickie Welborn (*The Times*).

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the minutes of the **October 8, 2012 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 **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve contract **Change Order No. 4** as submitted by **Thielsch Group, Inc.** (Replacement of Water Meters –Phase I Water Distribution Improvements). This was a deductive Change Order in the amount of **\$2,755.02** and represents the reconciliation of all contract quantities with work performed. In addition, the time provided for completion of the contract is unchanged. Finally, this document shall become an amendment to the contract plans and specifications and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve a **Certificate of Substantial Completion** as submitted by **Thielsch Group, Inc.** and dated September 14, 2012, for the Phase I Water Distribution System Improvements Project (Replacement of Water Meters). The Work to which this Certificate applies has been inspected by authorized representatives of Owner, Contractor and Engineer, and found to be substantially complete. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the recommendation of BALAR Associates, Inc. award two (2) separate construction contracts to **Regional Construction, L.L.C.** for drainage improvements at **Gibbs Street** and **Bernard Street** in the amounts of \$59,216.50 and \$47,822.00, respectively. These

bid amounts represent necessary construction activities to make the proposed improvements to Gibbs and Bernard Streets. After concurrence with BALAR's recommendation, contract documents will be prepared for execution by the Contractor and the City of Mansfield. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the addition of *Hensley Industries, Inc.* as an industrial customer to the City's existing sewer discharge permit (NPDES #LA0038962) for their facility located at 816 Jenkins Street. This is the site of the former Hendrix Manufacturing Company. By approval of this request, Hensley Industries is now authorized to discharge from this location to the wastewater facilities of the City, specifically the gravity sewer manhole located at the intersection of LA Highway 171 and US Highway 84, in accordance with effluent thresholds, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III and IV of the City's discharge permit. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission *granting* the request of **Constance Gail Brooks Williams** to place a mobile home and portable building at **138 Tommy Johnson Street**, and bearing a legal description of Lots 3 and 4 of Block No. 1 in Wilson Place Subdivision. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **TROY N. TERRELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission *denying* the request of **Reegis** and **Shunda Richard** to change zoning at **212 Marcia Street** from an R-1 district (Single-Family Residence District) to a B-3 district (Community and Central Business District). This property bears a legal description of Lot 3, Unit 6 of the Southeast of Section 10, Township 12, Range 13 of Willow Glen Subdivision. The Council was informed that the current owners made a request to the Zoning Commission to rezone the property to commercial use to make it more appealing to a potential buyer (Jeri Evans) who has plans of situating a beauty shop in the backyard. The request was met with strong objections from many of the residents in that neighborhood. At this time, Mayor McCoy opened the floor to hear any comments from property owners residing in this neighborhood. Several of those neighbors were present at this council meeting, namely **James Sanca, Joe Waggener, Bill Smith** and **Robert Mik**, who all expressed a desire to keep the area zoned as residential. Mr. Sanca, Mr. Waggener and Mr. Smith each made a plea to the council to maintain the area's current zoning status (R-1) noting they all valued the peaceful, tranquil atmosphere of the subdivision. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to adopt an Ordinance redistricting the boundaries of the Mansfield Board of Aldermen District to provide for more reasonable population equality among the districts, in accordance with the findings of the 2010 United States Decennial Census. Each Alderman's respective district

boundaries will become effective for the qualification and election of candidates for the Mansfield Board of Aldermen in the year 2014. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

**CITY of MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 9 of 2012**

An ordinance redistricting the Mansfield Board of Aldermen Districts to adjust said districts' boundaries as needed for population changes documented by the 2010 United States Decennial Census, and providing for other related Matters; and repealing any and all ordinances any and all ordinances in conflict herewith.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE
CITY OF MANSFIELD, LOUISIANA:**

Section 1. That, in accordance with the Louisiana State Revised Statute 33:1371, the boundaries of the Mansfield Board of Aldermen districts are hereby redistricted so as to provide for population equality among the districts as near as reasonably practicable by the adoption and ratification of the document attached hereto and made a part hereof, all in accordance with the findings of the 2010 United States Decennial Census.

Section 2. That the Board of Aldermen district boundaries as redistricted in Section 1 above shall become effective for the qualification and election of candidates for the Mansfield Board of Aldermen in the year 2014, and for all purposes upon the assumption of office by the members of the Mansfield Board of Aldermen in the year 2014.

At the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield on the 22nd day of October, 2012, it was moved for adoption by Alderman G. B. Hall III and, seconded by Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr., and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

ABSTAINED:0

ADOPTED this 22nd day of October, 2012.

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

Item H: At this time, Mayor McCoy acknowledged the passing of Alderman **Alvin Ray Woodley** on October 10, 2012, but suspended his recommendation to appoint Alderman Woodley's successor or call a special election to fill this vacancy. A special call council meeting of the Board of Alderman is being scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2012 to further address this matter. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to suspend adoption of a Resolution that would appoint Alderman Woodley's successor and would call a special election to fill the vacancy in District E as a result of his (Woodley's) untimely death, until the special meeting on October 29th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item I: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation by Police Chief Joseph Pratt, to offer full-time employment to Ms. **Natasha J. Pitts** in the Mansfield Police Department. Ms. Pitts has been employed with the Department since June 4, 2012, in the position of patrol officer. She has maintained an excellent attendance record and has proven that she is able to follow the instructions given to her by her supervisors. Further, she has demonstrated an ability to effectively interact with the public while conducting herself in a professional manner. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item J: At this time, Mansfield resident Ms. **Chassidy Robinson** was scheduled to make a presentation to the council, but failed to attend this meeting.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, Mayor McCoy intimated to the potential buyer (Jeri Evans) of the property (212 Marcia St.) currently owned by **Reegis** and **Shunda Richard** that the property directly behind this dwelling is out of the city limits. Perhaps, he said, Ms. Evans could pursue an attempt to communicate with that property owner.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:46 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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