

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
October 26, 2015

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, October 26th**, 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** (was tardy-arrived just minutes before adjournment), Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** Roy R. Jones –District **B.** **Other City Personnel Present:** Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer) and James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director). **Others Present:** Sherry Brumley, Charley Cox, Zikiteran Robinson, Catina Perry and Demarcus Litton. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **October 12, 2015 *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 no comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to adopt a **Resolution** to request placement on an upcoming agenda of the LA State Bond Commission for consideration of approval of the City’s plans to purchase, make improvements and redevelop the *DeSoto Plaza Shopping Center* located is within our municipality’s corporate limits (Washington Avenue). The City proposes to issue general obligation bonds by levying a new property tax millage. The new millage would require voter approval and to this end, a special election would have to be called. However, before such a bond proposition can be placed on an election ballot, the city must obtain approval of their intentions for this property from the Louisiana State Bond Commission’s office. 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 the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, granting the request of petitioner, **Zikiteran Robinson** to place a **mobile home** on property located in an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District), municipally known as **407 Willard Street.** Mr. Robinson was present at the regular meeting of the Zoning Commission

held on October 21st, where no objections were voiced to his request. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, granting the request of petitioner, *CSJ Enterprises, Inc.* (represented by Ms. **Sherry Brumley**), to place a 16' x 80' **portable building for residential use** on property located in a B-2 District (Neighborhood Business District), municipally known as **1006 Jenkins Street**. Ms. Brumley was present at the regular meeting of the Zoning Commission held on October 21st, where no objections were voiced concerning her request. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission granting the request of petitioner, Ms. **Catina Perry**, to place a **mobile home** on property located in an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District), municipally known as **1419 Mary Street**. Ms. Perry was present at the regular meeting of the Zoning Commission held on October 21st, where no objections were voiced concerning her request. She stated that her intentions are to rent the mobile home. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the engagement of independent auditing firm, *Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPAs* (Natchitoches, LA), to perform the city's Annual Audit of Financial Statements for fiscal year ending 12/31/15. This firm was also contracted to perform the city's annual audits for the 2013 and 2014 fiscal years. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the Mayor's request to name a bridge located on **Jacobs Street**, west of the intersection of Vida Street, after deceased and former city councilman, Mr. **Dillard R. McCoy**. Mr. McCoy served as Alderman for two terms, from July 1, 1978 until June 30, 1986. The bridge can be more specifically described as a 40ft. wide X 70ft. long 3-chambered box culvert constructed in 1989. A more definitive location for the bridge is that it is situated approximately one block South of Gibbs Street, one block West of the DeSoto Multi-Cultural Center, and one block East of the Mansfield Housing Authority. Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, will be instructed to order two bridge signs to be erected on either end of the structure. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the advertisement of bids for the purchase of the chemicals

Aluminum Sulfate Solution and **Caustic Soda Liquid** for use at the city's Toledo Bend Water Treatment Plant. All bids received will be opened and read aloud at the regular city council meeting scheduled for Monday, November 23rd, and then taken under advertisement. The bids will be tabulated and a contract awarded to the lowest responsible bidder for the purchase period January 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to offer full-time employment to Mr. **Demarcus D. Litton** with the City of Mansfield. Mr. Litton was hired on July 20, 2015 and assigned to work in the Sanitation Department with the garbage crew. During his probationary period, Mr. Litton has shown himself to be punctual, reliable and has demonstrated the ability to cooperate, work and communicate well with his coworkers and supervisor (s). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item H: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was declared adjourned at **4:46 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*