

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
September 26, 2016

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, September 26th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, **Mayor**, Mary L. Green –District **A**, Brenda H. Hall –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent due to suspension**: Roy R. Jones –District **B**. **Other City Personnel Present**: Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Latarsha Shelton –Mansfield Fire Dept. (Interim Chief), Fred Jones (MPD & Code Enforcement Officer) and Marcus Young (Street Dept). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **September 12, 2016 *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. Present at this meeting was the pastor (Rev. Larry Pridmore) of *Southside Baptist Church* here in Mansfield, who rose to offer comments on an item not reflected on this meeting’s published agenda. In the near future, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen intend to introduce and adopt a Resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana, to authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages within the incorporated limits of this municipality. This item is slated for inclusion on the agenda of the City Council’s regular meeting scheduled to be held on October 10th. Mayor McCoy informed Rev. Pridmore that since this item was not on the published September 26th meeting agenda, any comments regarding same could be offered at the Council’s October 10th meeting. On a separate matter, Mrs. **Betty Carter** was scheduled to make a presentation to the Mayor and City Council as the last item under New Business. However, in the interest of time, Mayor McCoy allowed Mrs. **Carter** time to offer her presentation under the ‘*Public Comments Period*.’ Mrs. **Carter** was present to voice her concerns over an overgrown residential lot near her property on Louise Street. She mentioned that it had been quite some time since the owner of this lot had maintained her property in a sanitary condition. The lot is overgrown with weeds, noxious growths and other unsightly refuse. The owner is not maintaining her property on a regular basis in a manner consistent with Chapter 10 (*Health and Sanitation*), Article II (*Garbage, Trash and Weeds*), Division 3 (*Weeds and Noxious Growth*s) of the City’s Code of Ordinances. Mrs. **Carter** implored the City Council to enforce the provisions of Chapter 10 as stated. Also present was one of the City’s Code Enforcement Officers (Fred Jones) who was requested by the Mayor to investigate this situation and keep him and the Council abreast of any progress made on this issue. He (the Mayor) further requested that the City Clerk consult with the city’s attorney (John Evans) to see if any more immediate action could be taken against the

negligent property owner. When no further comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MARY L. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission Board **granting** the request of petitioners **Burtis** and **Juanita Handy** to place a **mobile home** on property located in an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) with a municipal address of **616 Norris Street**. The petitioners intimated at the Commission's regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 21st, that their intentions are to use the home as a rental property. The property is more particular described as: Lot 8, Block 1 of the Eastside Subdivision in Mansfield (351-849)(944-610)(944-842). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve adoption of a **Resolution** authorizing the Mayor to make application for an LGAP (Local Government Assistance Program) Grant and act as Official Signatory in the execution of all necessary documents in connection therewith. Because of our population size (5,001), the maximum amount that can be awarded for this type grant is **\$50,000.00**. If awarded, the City would purchase two (2) new police units/vehicles for use in the Mansfield Police Department. Presently, two of the vehicles are increasingly requiring more frequent and costly repairs. The purchase of new vehicles would better equip our City's law enforcement personnel with more reliable units in their charge of protecting the lives of the citizens who live and work here. The deadline for submitting this application to the Office of Community Development (OCD) is October 4, 2016. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation of Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, to offer full-time employment to Mr. **Marcus D. Young** with the City of Mansfield. Mr. **Young** was hired on June 27, 2016, and assigned to work in the Street Department. Additionally, he possesses a commercial driver's license. Finally, Mr. **Young** has demonstrated the ability to cooperate, work and communicate with his coworkers and supervisor. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: Presentation by Mrs. **Betty Carter** allowed during '*Public Comments Period.*'

Item E: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:51 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY L. GREEN** and was SECONDED by **BRENDA H. HALL**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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