

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
September 25, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **Monday, September 25th** in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Curtis W. McCoy 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 **Alderwoman Mary L. Green.** 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**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E.** **Absent:** None. **Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), James “Jim” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), Lt. Billy Locke (Mansfield Police Dept.), and Acting Fire Chief Latarsha Shelton (Mansfield Fire Dept). **Press Present:** Raley Pellitteri (editor of *The Enterprise*).

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **September 11, 2017 *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. Only one attendee (Ms. Simone Cureaux) stood to offer public comments at this time. Item A under New Business would directly impact her if the council approved a request to allow a mobile home to be situated at **264 Murphy Street.** Mansfield resident, **Vercie Mae Hill**, who owns the property at this address, petitioned the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission at their September 20th meeting to approve placement of a mobile home at **264 Murphy Street.** Ms. Hill is Ms. Cureaux’s mother. If approved, the mobile home will become Ms. Cureaux’s permanent residence. She recently moved back to Mansfield from California to care for her ailing mother and mentally-challenged brother, and commented on how hospitable the townspeople had been since her move back. Shortly after relocating here, Ms. Cureaux found employment at our local *Dollar Tree* store. When no further comments were offered from the floor, the **Public Comments Period** was subsequently closed.

Old Business: -None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, **granting** the request of petitioner, **Vercia Mae Hill**, to place a **mobile home** for residential use on property bearing a municipal address of **264 Murphy Street.** Ms. Simone Cureaux, who is the daughter of Ms. **Hill**, was present at the Commission’s regular meeting held on September 20th, and stated that the mobile home would become her permanent residence. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, a presentation was made by Mr. JaVorius R. Canna on behalf of Mansfield police officer, Nathaniel T. Anderson to Mr. **Harold Vawters**. Officer Anderson, who could not be present at this meeting to make the presentation, sent Mr. Canna in his stead. An appreciation plaque/award was presented to Mr. **Vawters** for bravery he exhibited earlier this month during a house fire. On September 5th, Mr. **Vawters** physically entered a home on Norris Street and courageously pulled a burning occupant there out to safety. For this selfless act of bravery and kindness, the Worshipful Master (Officer Nathaniel Anderson) of **Beacon Light Lodge #110** desired to award a plaque to Mr. **Vawters** for this amazing humanitarian act of courage. Those present at this meeting applauded his efforts and commended him for such a compassionate deed.

Item C: Along the same vein, Mansfield's Acting Fire Chief, Latarsha Shelton, desired to also present Mr. **Harold Vawters** with an appreciation award to acknowledge his bravery on September 5th. Similarly, on September 19th, another resident fearlessly demonstrated the power of the human spirit by performing a courageous feat involving one of her nearby neighbors. Mansfield resident, Tina Lane (109 Deer Lane) noticed smoke emanating from the home of her neighbor (Mr. McArthur Terrell). She rushed over, repeatedly knocked on the door, and entered when no one answered, finding him asleep on a sofa in the den of his home (105 Deer Lane). She immediately woke him up, and ushered him to safety outside the home. It was first believed that an unattended skillet on the stove caused the fire, but it was later discovered that an overheated battery on a hoverboard combusted and started the fire at this residence. Ms. Lane was also presented with a plaque for this act of heroism. Likewise, to show appreciation to his rescuer, Mr. Terrell had a plaque prepared for presentation to Ms. Lane. Ms. Lane could not be present to accept the award, but Mr. Terrell intimated that he would deliver his plaque to Ms. Lane in person.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

Item E: During the period set aside for comments from the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, Mayor McCoy expressed his appreciation to Mr. JaVorius Canna and to Acting Fire Chief, Mrs. Latarsha Shelton for their acknowledgement of those persons who came to the aid of their fellowman without hesitation in the wake of what could have been multiple tragedies. All members of the city council echoed like sentiments. Finally, Alderwoman Green expressed appreciation to all of our firefighters for the courageous work they perform every day.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **MARY L. GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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