

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
September 28, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **September 28th**, via *teleconference* due to the current State of Emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this 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 **Alderwoman Mary J. Green**. Following the pledge, the clerk called the roll to record those council members in attendance. Following the pledge, the clerk asked each council member on the *teleconference* to confirm their participation by signifying a verbal ‘present’ as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Latarsha Shelton (Fire Chief –MFD). **Others Present/Participating**: Ernel Jones (*DeSoto Parish Police* Juror for Dist. 4-C) and NaKiesha Turner. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the minutes of the **September 14, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance/participating to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Constituents had been invited to participate in the meeting with regard to public comments using the method of either emailing, faxing or phoning in by 4:00 p.m., any public comments they wanted to offer during the Public Comments Period. Since no comments were received by any of the methods outlined above, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: Ordinance No. 3 of 2020 was introduced, drafted to request a zone change from and R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to a B-1 District (Buffer Business District) at the request of petitioner, **Mary J. Green** (representing *New Foundation Church Ministry*) on property bearing municipal address of **127 McEnery Street**. If the **Ordinance** is later adopted, the petitioner’s intent is to situate a portable building for commercial use at the aforementioned physical address. This is a request first presented to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission for deliberation at their September 16th meeting. The petitioner’s (**Mary Green**) request was approved at the Zoning Commission’s meeting. It was now before the City Council for consideration. Mrs. Green informed the Commission that they plan on hosting/facilitating several ministries at this location should the **Ordinance** be adopted and they are permitted to situate a portable building at **127 McEnery Street**. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to authorize the advertisement of

the title of the **Ordinance** in our Official Municipal Journal (*The Enterprise and Interstate Progress*) on 10/08/2020, and to set a public hearing on same to be conducted on 10/12/2020 during the City Council's regular meeting. Alderwoman **Mary Green** abstained from voting on this matter, since she was the petitioner. The remaining three Aldermen participating – Christopher Thomas, Mitchell Lewis, and Joseph Hall, Jr.) all voted in approval of advertising the title of the **Ordinance** and to setting a public hearing on same for October 12th. Motion Passed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner **JeMartrius Mayweather** to situate a mobile home for residential use on property bearing municipal address of **2219 South Washington Street** and located in an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District). The property is more particularly described as: PART OF LOTS 10 & 42, BLK 2; LOTS 43 AND 46, 47, & 48 BLK 2 WHALEY SUBD. (153-138)(177-173)(151-196)(278-801)(601-458)(605-452)(630-259)(634-701)(693-256)(693-129)(693-143)(159-383)(724-95,178,268)(730-415)(730-196)(766-660,759,872)(769-873)(769-852,853)(1255-466)(1261-258)(751710)(752308).

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner **NaKiesha Turner** to place a mobile home for residential use on property bearing a municipal address of **234 Ricks Drive** and located in an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District). The property is more particularly described as: LOTS 1, 2, 8, 15, 16, 18, & 19 OF MEADOW PARK ADDITION NO. 1, A SUBD. IN THE SW SE SEC 16 & IN NW NE SEC 21, ALL IN T12 R13 (812-549) LESS LOT # 23 (912-616) LESS LOT # 28(1214-486) LESS LOT #6 (1279-897) LESS LOTS #15 & # 16 (1281-526).

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the *DeSoto Parish Police Jury* for installation of two 4-way stop signs at the intersection of **Shallowhorne** and **Willard Streets**. The cost of the stop signs will be expended from the *Police Jury's* financial budget, but these streets are located within the incorporated limits of the *City of Mansfield*. Motorists are traveling at speeds well in excess of the posted speed limit and doing so is jeopardizing the public safety of those residing in this subdivision. At this time, Police Juror for District 4-C, Mr. **Ernel Jones** was on the line and participating in this meeting and shared with the Council that these streets are located in his district. He intimated that he had received numerous complaints from residents concerned about the welfare of pedestrians and other law-abiding motorists utilizing these thoroughfares to reach their destinations. Mr. Jones also commented that installing speed bumps was at first considered

by the *Police Jury*. However after deliberation by the *Jury*, it was decided that the installation of the 4-way stop signs was a more practical and viable solution. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, the Mayor expressed appreciation to Fire Chief **Latarsha Shelton** for making certain personnel in the Mansfield Fire Department are properly trained to respond to any type of fire incident. He further stated that recently a grease fire at a residential property ignited and that when firefighters from the Fire Department arrived on the scene, the fact that they had been properly trained to address this situation was on full display. No other comments were offered from any of the Aldermen participating on this teleconference.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:46 p.m.** by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*