

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
September 24, 2012

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, September 24th**, 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **Absent**: Troy N. Terrell -District **B** and Alvin R. Woodley –District **E**. **Others Present**: James “*Jim*” Ruffin (Public Works Director), Brian Phillips (Court Clerk), Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Arthur J. Williams (Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission), Gerald A. Schirmer (Alliance, Inc.), Paul Pratt (Chesapeake Energy Corp.), Gary Stephens (Atmos Energy Corp.), Dicie M. Gray (DeSoto High School Alumni Association), and Vergie Ashton (Mansfield resident). **Press Present**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **September 10, 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 the recommendation of BALAR to award a construction contract to **ELA Group, Inc.** as the lowest responsible bidder for the City’s Public Works Maintenance Facility Renovations project after a review of requested references from this company. It was BALAR’s further recommendation to request that the Council authorize the Mayor to enter into and execute a contract with this company upon receipt, review and concurrence with the references submitted. The Mayor and Board of Aldermen were unanimously in favor of BALAR’s recommendations. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt a Resolution in support of the State of Louisiana’s Horizontal Well Severance Tax Investment Incentive. Present to offer comments on the benefits of supporting this investment incentive program was **Mr. Paul Pratt**, Director of Corporate Development for **Chesapeake Energy Corp.** Mr. Pratt explained that this incentive allows the suspension of severance taxes due on production from a “*Horizontal*” and “*Deep*” well from the date of first production until payout of qualified costs for 24 months, whichever comes first. Further, this investment incentive was enacted for the purpose of providing economic incentives to drill capital intensive

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oil and natural gas wells and to continue production from marginal wells. Additionally, for every \$1 of severance tax invested under the Horizontal Well Severance Tax Investment Incentive, the state gained approximately \$3 in revenues to the treasury to support state services and programs, such as health care, education and road construction. Moreover, this investment incentive has enabled the oil and natural gas industry to contribute substantial funding to nonprofit agencies which provide food, shelter and social service programs to residents of the State of Louisiana. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full copy of Resolution on file at City Hall).

Item C: At this time, Mr. **Gerald Schirmer**, architect and project manager with *Alliance, Inc.* presented his final progress report on the City's Fire Station #2 Addition Project. Mr. Schirmer reported that this project was 100% complete and ready for its intended use (to house a fire ladder truck). He further commented that the contractor for this project (*Precision Builders, Inc.*) was a very organized and professional team to work with. In addition, only one Change Order request was submitted for this endeavor and it was for an extension of time to complete the contract. No additive Change Order was necessary in order to complete the project within the construction budget. Mr. Schirmer concluded his presentation by expressing his appreciation in working with the City on this project. Mayor McCoy followed by intimating that the only funds still outstanding was retainage due the contractor, which the City is prepared to disburse when the Application and Certificate of Payment is submitted. Alderman G. B. Hall III remarked that this new structure is a great enhancement to our Fire Department in their charge of ensuring the protection and safety of the citizens who reside here.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, none were offered.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:40 p.m.**, by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III.** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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