

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**September 26, 2011**

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on **Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman G. B. Hall III**. The oral roll call was suspended; however, the following officials were recorded as **Present**: Honorable Curtis W. McCoy, G. B. Hall III –District A, Mitchell L. Lewis –District C, and Alvin R. Woodley –District E. **Absent**: Troy N. Terrell – District B and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District D. **Press Present**: Eboni Parker -*The Enterprise*.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the minutes of the **September 12, 2011 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. Standing to offer comments regarding '*Item A*' under New Business was Mansfield resident, Mr. Gene Austin, whose municipal address is 1509 McArthur Drive. At the September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission, petitioners **Harris** and **Mary Green** indicated their intentions to situate a mobile home at **1507 McArthur Drive**. This address is the site where their previous home was situated. That home was totally destroyed by fire recently. Mr. Austin was also present at the Commission's September meeting, and voiced his opposition to situating a mobile home in the area. He used as his argument, the negative impact he felt it would have on the property values of the homes in that vicinity. The council was informed, however, that the new home should be described as a modular home, as it is larger than a triple-wide mobile home. It will be stationary with brick veneer affixed around the bottom half of the home. Mr. Austin remarked further that in the future when property owners petition the Commission on similar matters, they use a dwelling type more descriptive of the home to be situated. He felt that in doing so, the Commission could make a more informed decision as they deliberate the petitioner (s) request. **When** no further comments were offered, 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 **Change Order No. 6** as submitted by *Trenchless Methods, Inc.* for the Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project (ARRA Project). Public Works Director, Jim Ruffin, elaborated on this issue by stating that money remained in the contract after this project was substantially complete, and the intent is to use the remaining funds to rehab several brick manholes along Oxford Road. Also slated for repair and inspection is a section of problematic sewer main on this road. These revisions amounted to an increase of **\$15,320.00** to the total contract price, resulting in the adjusted contract price now to \$1,027,907.86. This change order was also submitted to request an extension of time to complete the aforementioned work. The

time provided for completion of the contract is increased by **150** calendar days. The new completion date for the contract shall be November 25, 2011. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item B:** It was MOTIONED by **G. B. HALL III** and SECONDED by **ALVIN R. WOODLEY** to approve the recommendation made by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission to grant the request of **Harris** and **Mary Green** to place a modular home at **1507 McArthur Drive**. The motion was made subject to a request to have the minutes from the Commission's September 21<sup>st</sup> meeting amended to describe the dwelling as a modular home instead of a mobile home. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Item C:** No other new business.

During the **Comments Period** for the Mayor and Council Members, neither Mayor McCoy nor the Aldermen shared any comments. However, the Mayor did allow a brief presentation by Mr. **Jerry Nash** to the Council and other meeting attendants. Mr. Nash is running for the position of DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court in the upcoming election on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. He stated that he has served as secretary/treasurer of the Mansfield Crime Stoppers organization for the past three years. Also allowed to make a presentation was Mr. **Roy R. Jones**, who stated that he is running for police juror for District 4-B.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at **4:41p.m.**, by MOTION from **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and was SECONDED by **G. B. HALL III**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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