

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
April 11, 2023

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **April 11, 2023**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderswoman Rita Myles**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Antonio Washington**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However the following officials were recorded as in attendance at this regular meeting of the City Council. **Present:** Hon. Thomas Jones, Jr., -**Mayor**, Mary Green –District **A**, Victoria Jackson –District **C**, Antonio Washington -District **D**., and Rita Myles –District **E**. **Absent:** Christopher Thomas – District **B**. **Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Maria Hogan (City Clerk) **Gwen** Jones (Deputy Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), LaSonja Byrd (HR), Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), Melony McCarty (Accounting Dept), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief) Tarus Chatman (Public Works Dept) **Others Present:** Winfred Johnson, Sharon Collins, Press **Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **RITA MYLES** and SECONDED by **ANTONIO WASHINGTON** to approve the minutes of the **March 27, 2023, *regular*** City Council meeting and 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. When no comments were voiced from any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** and SECONDED by **MARY GREEN** to appoint Maria Hogan as the Language Access Coordinator to serve for all programs The City of Mansfield LAP will be distributed to all City of Mansfield employees. The Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C 20009d and Executive Order 13166 require that recipients of federal funds take responsible steps to ensure meaningful access by person with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). Motion Passed Unanimously

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **ANTONIO WASHINGTON** and SECONDED by **MARY GREEN** to adopt the Proclamation issued by John Bel Edwards that April 10-14, 2023, as National Community Development Week. In honor of the Community Development Block Grant program that has provided local governments resources in an effort to meet the needs of people of low and moderate income within their jurisdictions for the past 47 years. Motion Passed Unanimously

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** and SECONDED by **RITA MYLES** to adopt a Proclamation honoring the month of April as being the month for Fair Housing Month. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **ANTONIO WASHINGTON** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON**: Approval of the following changes for the signatories for the CD account at **Sabine State Bank & Trust Company in Mansfield Louisiana**. Removing Curtis McCoy and Marvin Jackson and adding Thomas Jones and Melony McCarty, then closing the account. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **RITA MYLES** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to approve the opening of a CD account at Carter Federal Credit Union in Mansfield Louisiana with the following signatures Thomas Jones, Maria Hogan, and Melony McCarty, afterward deposit the money from Sabine State Bank account into Carter Federal Credit Union account. Two (2) signatures required on the account. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: Presentation of the Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period of 03/01/2023 through 03/31/2023 for the Corporation General Fund, Waterworks Fund and Sewer Fund.

Comments from Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. expressed thanks to the General Staff, Public Works Director for filling all the positions at the Plant. All vehicles have been issued and only one is left to be issued. Parking the old vehicles.

Attorney Bradford stated that the renewing of the taxes and bringing it to the Legislature to put it on the ballot in November.

Fire Chief Bryan Ross stated that the station #2 roof will be replaced this week. Insulation was sprayed in and should be completed by the end of May.

No New Business

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:50 p.m.** by MOTION from **VICTORIA JACKSON** and was SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Thomas Jones, Jr., Mayor
Maria Hogan, City Clerk