

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**August 28, 2023**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **August 28, 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 **Alderswoman Victoria Jackson**. 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**, Rita Myles –District **E**. Victoria Jackson – District **C**, Antonio Washington -District **D**, **Absent:** Christopher Thomas -District **B**, **Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** William Bradford (City Attorney) Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), LaSonja Byrd (HR Director) Bryan Ross (Fire Chief) Christopher Johnson (Chief of Police), Tarus Chatman (PWD), Maria Hogan (City Clerk), **Others Present:** John Barr

It was **MOTIONED** by Antonio Washington and **SECONDED** by Rita Myles to approve the minutes of the **AUGUST 14, 2023 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading.

**Motion Passed Unanimously**

Mayor Jones 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:**

Mayor Thoams Jones requested that Item D, David Ryals be added to the agenda. **MOTIONED** by Victoria Jackson and **SECONDED** by Antonio Washington. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**New Business:**

Item A: It was **MOTIONED** by Antonio Washington and **SECONDED** by Victoria Jackson to approve of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the City of Mansfield and Louisiana Department of the Treasury to receive \$300,000.00 grant for Water and Sewer System improvement. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item B: It was **MOTIONED** by Rita Myles and **SECONDED** by Antonio Washington to approve Approval of Ordinance 3 of 2023 for Blueline Electronic Traffic Enforcement.

**Question:** Antonio Washington asked what % will the city receive? Mayor Thoams Jones stated that he would get back to councilman with the %.

Rita Myles asked what is the timeline to install the cameras? Chief Johnson stated that the six cameras are ready to be installed now. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Item C: It was **MOTIONED** by Antonio Washington and **SECONDED** by Victoria Jackson to Approval of the sale of Bulk Water to the Municipality of Coushatta La.

Question: Rita Myles asked how long will the city be doing this and have we started supplying them with water?

Tarus Chapman (PWD) informed the council that we have not started supplying them with water yet, but if so, this is temporary. Antonio Washington stated that Coushatta was in the process of changing to a new water system. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item D: David Ryals made a presentation on the results of Water Rate Study.

Comments: Mayor Thomas Jones Jr informed the public on the water rates increase. Also, Mayor Jones informed the public that the letter they received in the mail was issued by Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) and the public has time to submit the letters back to City Hall.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at **5:17 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY GREEN** and was SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON**.  
**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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