

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
May 22, 2023

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **May 22, 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 **Alderwoman Rita Myles**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Antonio Washington**. Following the pledge, the mayor acknowledged that all council members were present. **Present:** Hon. Thomas Jones, Jr., -**Mayor**, Mary Green –District **A**, Antonio Washington -District **D.**, and Rita Myles –District **E.** Christopher Thomas –District **B.** Victoria Jackson – District **C**, **Absent: None.**

Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present: Maria Hogan (City Clerk), Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), William Bradford (City Attorney) Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk) Christopher Johnson (Chief Police), Fred Jones (Sgt), Kevin Coleman (Sgt), Jacob Wilkerson (Officer) LaSonja Byrd (HR Director)

Others Present: Winfred Johnson, John Barr Press **Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **RITA MYLES** and SECONDED by **ANTONIO WASHINGTON** to approve the minutes of the **May 8, 2023 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The **Mayor** opened the floor for public comments on any item outlined on the meeting agenda. There being no comments from the attendees, the **Public Comments Period** was closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **RITA MYLES** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to accept a Resolution authorizing Mayor Jones to execute a binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Mansfield and Louisiana Connected for the purpose of delivering Broadband internet service to the citizens of Mansfield, and otherwise provide with respect thereto.

Motion Passed Unanimously

Item B: The Mayor updated the council and public on the Monthly Statement of Revenues and expenditures.

Comments

The mayor informed the council that the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) came out and did an inspection at the Water Plant Facility. LDH did find some violations relative to record keeping, sampling procedures and faulty equipment. A certified letter was received from LDH with the findings. Corrective actions are in progress. We were commended for having good clean water going to our customers. Recently, two employees resigned from the water plant. We have hired one full-time operator and added two part-time operators at the plant. New safety procedures at the plant are being addressed as well.

The City of Mansfield Chief Christopher Johnson informed the council and public about the new Blue Line Solution system coming soon in the school zones for automated speeding citations. The system will be at no cost to the City of Mansfield. Chief Johnson also stated that nine new police units are coming soon. Mayor Jones stated that we do not want to continue to spend money on the old units.

Alderman Mary Green asked for an update on Fire Station #2. Mayor Jones informed the council that Fire Station #2 was near completion.

Alderman Victoria Jackson gave Chief Christopher Johnson a big thank you for delivering water to one of her constituents.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:56 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was **SECONDED** by **MARY GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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