

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 24, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **August 24th**, via *teleconference* due to the current State of Emergency as a result of the **COVID-19** pandemic. Mayor John H. Mayweather, Sr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Joseph Hall, Jr.** Following the pledge, the clerk called the roll to record those council members in attendance. Following the pledge, the clerk asked each council member on the *teleconference* to confirm their participation by signifying a verbal ‘present’ as their names were called aloud. The following officials were recorded as **Present**: Hon. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: None. **Others Present/Participating**: None. **Press Present/Participating**: None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **August 10, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance/participating to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. Constituents had been invited to participate in the meeting with regard to public comments using the method of either emailing, faxing or phoning in by 4:00 p.m., any public comments they wanted to offer during the Public Comments Period. Since no comments were received by any of the methods outlined above, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve authorization to allow the Mayor to enter into and execute **Amendment No. 1 –Exhibit J** of a Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services for the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant program for fiscal year 2020/2021 in the category of Sewer Rehabilitation Improvements. The original Owner-Engineer Agreement was entered into and executed on May 22, 2019 (pre-grant application). This Amendment quantifies the engineering fee that it corresponds to the amount indicated in the LCDBG grant application submitted to the Office of Community Development (OCD) by the City in November 2019 (actual grant submission date). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the engagement of the independent auditing firm of **Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier** (Natchitoches, LA) for performance of the City’s

Annual Audit of Financial Statements for fiscal years ending 12/31/2021 and 12/31/2022. Approval of these engagement years authorized the Mayor to execute the engagement letter and return an original of same back to the auditing firm named above. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, the Mayor informed the Aldermen that in preparation for the impending storm (Hurricane Laura), personnel at the Police and Fire Departments had been placed on call. In addition, select personnel in the Public Works area were also placed on call to offer assistance to citizens when and where needed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** Motion Passed Unanimously.

John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*
Marvin R. Jackson, *Clerk*