

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
May 11, 2020

Via Teleconference

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **May 11th**, 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 Mitchell L. Lewis**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell**. 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**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** (attended meeting in person in Mayor’s office at City Hall), and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent**: Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present/Participating**: Annette Blue (Police Chief –MPD), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief –MPD), and LaTarsha Shelton (Fire Chief –MFD). **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 **April 27, 2020 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

At this time the Clerk requested that the agenda be amended to call for an approval to pay current outstanding bills for this period. With no objections voiced, it was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to amend the agenda for this purpose. Motion Passed unanimously. It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance 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 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 **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the recommendation offered by Police Chief Annette Blue to offer full-time employment to Patrol Officer **Mindy M. Shaw** with the Mansfield Police Department. Officer Shaw was hired on January 15, 2020 and immediately assigned to work in the capacity of

a Patrol Officer. Further, when applying for employment with the Police Department, Ms. Shaw was already Police Officer Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) certified. Since her brief tenure with the Police Department, she has attained an excellent attendance record and has proven that she possesses the acumen to follow the instructions given to her by her supervisors. Finally, she has demonstrated the ability to interact with the public and conduct herself in a professional manner. To-date, Officer Shaw has performed very well in her capacity as a Patrol Officer and thus has proven herself to be a valuable asset to the Department. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

Comments from Mayor Mayweather and/or Council Members: During this period, Mayor Mayweather requested the Clerk to share a couple of announcements with those present on this teleconference. First, an impending parade has been scheduled to take place on Friday, May 15th, commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. The course will closely mimic that route followed by the Christmas parade caravan...beginning behind the Mansfield High School football stadium then on to Kings Highway, next crossing Highway 171 and onto McEnery Street, turning left on Washington Avenue, then finally turning right onto Polk Street. The parade is set to disband on the parking lot of the Mansfield City Hall complex. This parade was organized to celebrate the graduating seniors of Mansfield High School. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the senior's customary graduation commencement ceremony, usually held on the 4th Friday in May each year, has been indefinitely suspended. This parade event is intended to be offered as a substitute in partial commemoration of this milestone in the lives of the school's graduating seniors. Secondly, the Clerk announced that Friday, May 15th will mark the soft launch of Mansfield's Walmart Supercenter Store out on Highway 509, as a drive-thru COVID-19 testing site. Going forward, this testing site will be available weekly on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. Testing is available by appointment only (a valid photo ID for proof of identity is required). Walmart has partnered with eTrueNorth (an integrated, pharmacy-based, clinical services network headquartered in Dallas, Texas) and in cooperation with government agencies, to offer COVID-19 testing to eligible individuals. Individuals eligible for testing (must be symptomatic) can arrive on the parking lot of the Walmart store and use a self-administered nasal swab test without leaving their vehicles. While you perform your own test, Walmart healthcare professionals will be present to instruct you and observe that you are administering the test correctly. Testing will not be available inside the Walmart store and is not available to walk-ups. Results from the test are usually available to the individual tested in approximately 3 to 5 days.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:06 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY J. GREEN** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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