

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *SPECIAL* PUBLIC MEETING
August 12, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

In a *special* meeting called pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 42:19, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen met on **Thursday, August 12th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. 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 Christopher S. Thomas**. 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. John H. Mayweather, Sr., -**Mayor, Christopher S. Thomas** –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent:** Mary J. Green – District **A** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Capt. –Fire Dept.), Brandon Campbell (Fire Dept.), Casey McDaniel (Fire Dept.) and James Steelman (Fire Dept). **Others Present:** Glenda D. Heard. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **July 26, 2021 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The *regular* meeting scheduled for Monday, **August 9, 2021** had to be cancelled due to the lack of a quorum present. A *special* meeting of the Board of Aldermen was scheduled for **Thursday, August 12, 2021** to commence at 4:30 p.m.

It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** 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. When no public comments were offered from any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Item A: **Ordinance No. 3 of 2021** was introduced drafted to provide for the issuance and sale of Three Million Three Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$3,365,000)* of Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2021, of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana; prescribing the form, and fixing the details thereof and providing for the payment of said Bonds and the application of the proceeds thereof to the refunding of certain bonds of said City; providing for the acceptance of an offer to purchase the Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. The City currently has three separate bond issues, two Sales Tax Refunding Bonds and one Limited Tax Refunding Bond, all totaling approximately the aforementioned amount.

The City proposes to refinance these three individual bonds combine them into one bond series (2021), with intentions of attempting to secure a lower interest rate. The current bonds were financed at 3.45% APR. If delivered and sold at a lower rate, the City will realize substantial interest savings and reduced, required debt service accounts. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to authorize the advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the August 19th edition of the City's official municipal journal (*The Enterprise*) and set a public hearing on same for Aug. 23rd (the date of the Council's next regular meeting.). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to authorize the Mayor to negotiate the renewal of and the execution of a Lease Agreement between the City of Mansfield and *McCoy Bros. Lumber Company, Inc.* The annual payment to *McCoy Bros.* will remain at \$2,500.00. The new Agreement will commence on August 28, 2021 and terminate on August 28, 2031. This Agreement was originally entered into in August 1978. It was a 33-year Agreement where annual payments were \$1,000.00. At termination in August 2011, both the City and the Owners of the company opted to renew the Agreement for another ten (10) years, resulting in a termination date of August 28, 2021. It was then that the annual payment was increased to \$2,500.00. The principals of this company allow the City the use of a 0.515 –acre site located in DeSoto Parish, Stanley, Louisiana. This site is more particularly described in the Lease Agreement and is the site where the City's Stanley Water Booster Station is situated. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: At this time, a presentation was offered by Mrs. **Glenda D. Heard**. Mrs. **Heard** agreed to partner with and assist the City with the planning and execution of the next city-wide cleanup initiative. The event is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th and will commence at 7:00 a.m. that day and is slated to end at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. **Heard** made a public plea to all those in attendance at this meeting and to the community-at-large, to join this endeavor in an effort to make our City look more attractive to visitors and residents alike. Streets more particularly targeted will be Polk, Gibbs and Washington Streets. If councilmen are unable to participate, Mrs. **Heard** requested that they solicit volunteers from their respective districts. Participants will assemble on City Hall's parking lot for further instructions and to collect any needed cleaning supplies.

Item D: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:53 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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