

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *SPECIAL* PUBLIC MEETING
December 16, 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, December 16th**, 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 Kervin D. Campbell**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. 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**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, **Christopher S. Thomas** –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent:** Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Melony McCarty (Accountant) Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Capt. –Fire Dept.), Kadarius Youngblood (Fire Dept.), and Casey McDaniel (Fire Dept.) **Others Present:** None. **Press Present:** None.

The City Clerk next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance, to any item outlined on the meeting agenda. The Clerk reminded the Aldermen that page 6 of the proposed 2022 Financial Budget had been revised to include an hourly rate increase of \$2.00 for all full-time police officers (**including** police dispatchers) and all fire department personnel. The proposed budget also included a rate increase of \$1.45 for all other full-time city employees, if hourly or \$3,000 annually, if salaried. Page 6 of the proposed budget had been included in their agenda packages, previously delivered to them prior to this meeting. When no further public comments were offered from any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

Item A: **Ordinance No. 6 of 2021** was re-introduced (tabled at Dec. 13th regular meeting) drafted to **redistrict** the Mansfield Board of Aldermen's districts as needed for population changes documented by the **2020** U. S. Decennial Census. It was **MOTIONED** by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and **SECONDED** by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the 12/23/2021 edition of our official journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*) and set a public hearing on same for the Council's regular meeting scheduled for 12/27/2021. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business.

New Business:

Item A: Revised, proposed **Ordinance No. 7 of 2021** was re-introduced (tabled at Dec. 13th regular meeting), drafted to offer review and a consideration to adopt an Operating Budget of Revenue and Expenditures for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022. The Ordinance was revised to offer a 2.00 per hour increase to all full-time police officers

(including dispatchers) and firefighters, and an increase of \$1.45 per hour to all other full-time employees or \$3,000 annually, if salaried. It was MOTIONED by **KEVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the 12/23/2021 edition of the city's official, municipal journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*), and set a public hearing on same for 12/27/2021. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:46 p.m.** by MOTION from **KEVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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