

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
November 22, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **November 22nd**, 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 **Alderwoman Mary J. Green**. 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), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Captain –Fire Dept.), Christopher Samuels (Firefighter –Fire Dept.), and NaKiesha Turner (Firefighter –Fire Dept.). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **November 8, 2021 *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, 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. 6 of 2021** was introduced, drafted to **redistrict** the Mansfield Board of Aldermen’s districts as needed for population changes documented by the **2020** U.S. Decennial Census. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1371, the boundaries of the Aldermen’s districts are to be **redistricted** so as to provide for population equality among the districts as near as reasonably practicable, in conformity with the findings of the **2020** United States Decennial Census. Prior to this meeting, the Aldermen (two at once, then with the remaining, one by one) met with President and CEO of *Data Center of Kenner Louisiana* to initiate the process by which discussion was had with regard to redistricting to provide equality among the election districts. It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D CAMPBELL** to authorize advertisement of the title of **Ordinance** in the December 9th edition of *The Enterprise & Interstate Progress* (the city’s official, municipal journal) and set a public hearing on same to be conducted at the Aldermen’s regular meeting scheduled for Monday, December 13th. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: An announcement was made regarding a scheduled Budget Workshop to commence on Thursday, November 24th at 1:30pm to discuss proposed, capital expenditure requests for inclusion in city’s **2022** Financial Budget of Revenue and Expenditures. In a prior council meeting, the Aldermen

requested that a budget workshop be scheduled to meet with department heads to discuss their capital expenditure needs for the ensuing calendar year. This meeting would primarily be a review of the list of proposed, capital expenditures submitted by each department head to preliminarily discuss those expenditures which could potentially be funded in **2022**. No action would be taken at this workshop/assembly. This assembly was primarily intended to promote open dialogue as it pertained to the anticipated capital expenditure needs of each department. All submitted capital expenditures would be considered to the extent that the requests remained within anticipated revenues. Allocations for operational expenses are set aside first, and then the revenues that remain can be considered for funding requested, capital expenditure items.

Item C: No other new business.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:43 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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