

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
October 11, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **October 11th**, 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**, 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:** Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Joshua Schenck (Patrol Officer), Jeffrey Walker (Patrol Officer), Bryan Ross (Capt. –Fire Dept.), Christopher Samuels (Fireman –Fire Dept.), and Anthony Johnson (Public Works employee). Others Present: Vickie Schenck, Brittany Walker, and Harper Walker. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **September 27, 2021 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the payment of current outstanding bills for this period. Alderwoman **MARY J. GREEN** entered a Nay vote to this item. By a 2/3 vote of the board members present at this meeting, the Motion Carried.

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: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve **Change Order No. 1** as recommended by **BALAR Associates, Inc.** for the 2020/2021 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project in concurrence with the contractor of record for this project, **Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc.** This Change Order allows for the new wage decision (LA20210004, Mod4) to be added to the contract documents. Due to the contract for the subject project not being awarded within 90 days of the bid opening, a follow-up verification was conducted to determine the effective wage decision that was required to be made part of the contract with the City. The State of Louisiana General Wage Rate Determination included in the contract documents used for bidding purposes for the above referenced project was updated

from LA20210004, Modification No. 2 to LA20210004, Modification No. 4. There was no change to the original contract amount of \$583,488.66. Additionally, the time provided for completion of the contract was also unchanged. This Change Order shall become an amendment to the Contract, and all provisions of the Contract will apply hereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, presentations were made by Mayor Mayweather and Assistant Police Chief Billy Locke to disaster relief volunteers of **Hurricane Ida**. Several weeks ago, Assistant Chief Locke, his wife Karen, Officer Dakota Calhoun and his wife Starla, and Police Officers Joshua Schenck, and Jeffrey Walker traveled to South Louisiana to assist with cleanup and security from the devastation to that area resulting from **Hurricane Ida**. For their selfless act of bravery and courage, they were presented with ‘*Thank You*’ plaques by the City and Police Department to acknowledge and show appreciation for their efforts. The recipients present were Officers Joshua Schenck and Jeffrey Walker. Photos were taken as the plaques were presented and an article detailing their journey to South Louisiana will be penned and submitted to our local journal (*The Enterprise and Interstate Progress*) for publishing. The Mayor and all the Aldermen present expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the disaster relief volunteers for the aid they provided to victims of the hurricane, when those families and individuals impacted needed it most.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

Prior to adjournment, the city clerk announced that the budget process had begun. Soon a proposed budget for calendar year **2022** will be drafted and presented to the city council for review. The clerk further informed the Council that a memo had been distributed to all the Department Heads requesting a list of their anticipated capital expenditures for the ensuing year. The expenditures requested should be in priority order and should reflect an estimated cost of that expenditure. When received, those lists will be shared with the Council, primarily as a matter of information. Finally, Alderman Thomas requested that the clerk investigate the requirements of possibly placing some type of tax on the ballot on an upcoming election for citizens to consider passing. A special tax could potentially help underwrite or subsidize the purchase of needed capital items in various departments of the city.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 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*