

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
August 23, 2021

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **August 23rd**, 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 Joseph Hall, Jr.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Kervin D. Campbell.** 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, Mitchell L. Lewis -District C, Joseph Hall, Jr. -District D, and Kervin D. Campbell -District E. **Absent:** Christopher S. Thomas -District B. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Annette Blue (Police Chief) Krysta Walker (Billing Clerk) and Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief). Others Present: John Barr (Regional Director in U.S. Senator John Kennedy's office), Hardy Andrews (***Foley & Judell, LLC***), Kenneth Antee (***Crews & Associates***), and Philip Maxfield (***LifeShare Blood Center***). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **August 12, 2021 *special*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously. (The August 9, 2021 regular meeting was cancelled due to a lack of a quorum).

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:

Item A: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 3 of 2021**, drafted to provide for the issuance of \$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 acceptance of an offer to purchase the Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. To offer additional comments regarding this issue, both a representative (**Hardy Andrews**) from our bond counsel's office (***Foley & Judell, LLC***) and a representative (**Kenneth Antee**) from the Placement Agent's office(***Crews & Associates***) was present. As has been noted at recent, previous meetings, the City presently has three (3) outstanding bond issues. Moving forward with this transaction proposes to combine the two larger outstanding bond issues into one and pay off the smaller, third issue with funds already accumulated in the City's debt service account. The bonds will be refinanced for the remaining 11-year term at a fixed rate of 1.69% (current rate if 3.45%). The interest savings realized at the end of the 11-year term will be approximately \$965,000. When no other comments were voiced during the public hearing, the hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to adopt **Ordinance No. 3 of 2021** drafted to provide for the issuance of \$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 acceptance of an offer to purchase the Bonds; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance to be published in 09/02/21 edition of *The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*).

Item C: No other old business.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of Police Chief Annette Blue, to offer full-time employment to Officer **David Allen Self** with the Mansfield Police Department. Officer **Self** has been employed with the City since May 17, 2021 and was assigned to work in the Police Department. Additionally, Officer **Self** was formerly employed with this Department from April 24, 2017 until January 17, 2021. He voluntarily resigned his position in January 2021 for personal reasons, but did so in good standing. He was rehired in May of this year and resumed his former duties as an officer and an investigator for the Department. Officer **Self** has attained an excellent attendance record and has shown his ability to work in harmony with his co-workers and supervisors. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of City Clerk Marvin Jackson, to offer full-time employment to Ms. **Krysta Ann Nicole Walker** with the City of Mansfield. Ms. **Walker** was hired on March 21, 2021 and immediately assigned to work in the Water Department as a billing clerk and relief receptionist. She has satisfactorily met all our expectations while working in her current capacity. We have found her to be courteous to our customers, to work well with her co-workers and to readily accept other duties as assigned. Motion Passed Unanimously.

At this time, to allow a presentation by Mr. **Philip Maxfield**, territory account manager and social media coordinator at **LifeShare Blood Center** (Shreveport, LA) for Caddo and DeSoto parishes, it was necessary to request that the agenda be amended. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve amending the agenda to allow Mr. **Maxfield's** presentation. Mr. **Maxfield** stood to announce his organization's partnership with **Union Spring Baptist Church** to host a blood drive on Sunday, September 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Presently, there is a drastic blood supply shortage in this region. Mr. **Maxfield** invited all interested individuals to participate in this initiative.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

During comments for the Mayor and Council members, the Mayor reminded all the attendees that the next "City-Wide Cleanup Initiative" is scheduled for Saturday, August 28th to commence at 7:00 a.m. and end at 10:00 a.m. Participants in this cleanup effort are to assemble at City Hall for distribution of cleaning supplies and to receive any further instructions. Next, Assistant Police Chief Billy Locke, informed the Mayor and Aldermen that through a grant, the Police Department was afforded the financial means to purchase two (2) 'speed trailers' at a cost of \$30,000.00 each. One of the trailers will be situated on LA Highway 509 (near ***Tractor's*** Supply) and the second one installed on U.S. Highway 171 (aka Jenkins Street), traveling south, near the ***Mansfield Warehousing Service*** facility. The award was granted through an agency called the Louisiana ***Commission on Law Enforcement*** (LCLE). Since public safety is a key element in the quality of life for all Louisiana citizens, one of the missions of the LCLE is to promote public safety by providing progressive leadership and coordination within the criminal justice community. The trailers are designed to display the approaching speed of motorists to the sign. They are meant to caution vehicular traffic to slow down and obey the posted speed limits within a certain area. The ***DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office*** has likewise purchase three trailers.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:00 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