

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**April 11, 2022**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **April 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 **Alderswoman Mary J. Green** (in absence of Kervin Campbell). The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas** (in absence of Joseph Hall). 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**, and Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**. **Absent:** Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D** and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief –MFD) and John S. Evans –City Attorney.). **Others Present:** (2) Rita Myles (City Councilwoman Elect for Dist. E) and Garland Spivey (Mansfield resident). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **March 28, 2022 *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 comments were voice from any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

**Old Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the re-advertisement of a Notice of Public Hearing in *The Enterprise & Interstate Progress* (city’s local journal) due to the original publishing of an incorrect public hearing date for the renaming of 2105 South Washington Street, 2109 South Washington Street and 2111 South Washington Street to **Cammie Private Lane**. The original Public Hearing Notice published recited the public hearing date on 04/12/2022. This date was not a regular meeting date of the Mansfield Board of Aldermen, and therefore dictated that the Public Hearing Notice be re-advertised to announce that the hearing would be conducted at the Aldermen’s next **regular** public meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other old business.

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve authorization for the Mayor to enter into and execute a Maintenance Agreement between the *City of Mansfield* and the *Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development* (LA DOTD) for Mower & Litter Pickup for the period beginning **July 1, 2022** and ending **June 30, 2023**. Pursuant to the provisions of LA R.S. 48:193, **DOTD** is directed to repair and to keep in operating condition, at its sole cost and expense, all municipal roads and

streets within the State Highway System as it is defined in LA R.S. 48:191. Further, LA R.S. 48:193 authorizes municipalities to request that the repair and maintenance of said State Roadways located within their respective municipalities be performed by the municipality, at the State's expense. **DOTD** lacks sufficient personnel and equipment to perform mowing and litter collection on a routine and continuing basis and wishes to enter into an Agreement with the City. The City shall mow grass and cut or otherwise control mowable vegetation along ditches, around signs, guardrails and bridge ends, trim overhanging grass along curbs, and remove litter and debris within the designated and dedicated or apparent right-of-way. The total mileage to be maintained by the City and for which the City is entitled to reimbursement by **DOTD** is **8.26 miles**. The total maximum amount for which the City may claim reimbursement is \$8,260.00 annually. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: Prior to taking action on the approval to advertise the holding of two public hearings regarding a Feasibility Study recently conducted, city attorney John Evans was given a few minutes to comment on this matter. Mr. Evans stated that it was necessary for the Mayor and Aldermen to receive the completed Community Assessment & Feasibility Study prior to this meeting before public hearings could be scheduled. According to LA R.S. 45:844.49, the public hearings are required so that the public is informed about the results of the study. One of the components of the Study is a summary of the covered services that the local governing authority (the City) proposes to provide to subscribers residing within the boundaries of the local government. Another component is to educate the public on the fiscal impact on the local government, that is, the expenditure of funds for labor to construct the broadband network, and the financing and administering the proposed covered services. In conclusion, Mr. Evans stated that it would undoubtedly be advantageous to schedule workshops with the current Aldermen and the Aldermen elect to further discuss the Financial Model recently provided by the Feasibility consultants, any grants available to the City to help subsidize the broadband infrastructure construction costs and the proposed financing of this project. It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve advertisement in the April 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> editions of *The Enterprise* of public hearings on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** and **May 9<sup>th</sup>** scheduled for the purpose of updating the public on the Broadband Feasibility and Assessment Study recently conducted with hearings to commence at 4:30pm on both dates and held at Mansfield City Hall, pursuant to the LA Local Government Fair Competition Act. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:53 p.m.** by MOTION from **MARY J. GREEN** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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