

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
January 24, 2022

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **January 24th**, 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 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**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Mitchell L. Lewis –District **C**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent:** Mary J. Green –District **A** and Joseph Hall, Jr. –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), KaDarius Youngblood (Firefighter –MFD), Christopher Samuels (Firefighter –MFD), and Darius Adkins (Firefighter –MFD)). **Others Present:** Lauren F. Marchive (Architect –*Newman Marchive, Inc.*) and John Barr (Regional Director for *U.S. Senator John Kennedy*). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the minutes of the **January 10, 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 comments were voice 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 proposed **Ordinance No. 1 of 2022**, drafted to change zoning on property bearing a municipal address of **264 Oak Street** from an I-2 District (Heavy Industry District) to a B-3 District (Community and Central Business District). This property will be the future site of the new ***DeSoto Parish Detention Center*** and Sheriff's Office. Present at this meeting was a representative (Mr . Lauren F. Marchive III) from the architectural firm (*Newman Marchive, Inc.*) designing the new facility. Mr. Marchive was asked generally for a timeline as to when construction on the new facility might commence. In answer to that inquiry he intimated that their firm is roughly 95% complete with designing the proposed new structure, and that construction is anticipated to begin by early spring this year. Currently, the ***DeSoto Parish Police Jury*** and the ***DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office*** are in discussions regarding the construction budget for this project. Further, Mr. Marchive was also asked what the plans were for the existing Detention Center once construction of the new facility is complete. He stated that for the most part, the present facility will be used for storage. When no further comments were expressed, the public hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item B: With no opposition stated to the adoption of proposed **Ordinance No. 1 of 2022**, it was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve adoption of this **Ordinance** to effect a zone change at **264 Oak Street**, where the impending new *DeSoto Parish Detention Center* and Sheriff's Office will situate. Motion Passed Unanimously. (Full Ordinance recited below):

CITY OF MANSFIELD
ORDINANCE NO. 1 of 2022

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, in *regular* session convened for:

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE FROM AN I-2 DISTRICT (HEAVY INDUSTRY DISTRICT) TO A B-3 DISTRICT (COMMUNITY AND CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT) THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED PROPERTY:

All of Blocks 44, 45, 46, and 49 of the Town of Mansfield, Desoto Parish, Louisiana AND 2) All of the abandoned Gamble Street right of way that runs from Washington to Oak Streets, within the Town of Mansfield AND 3) All of that portion of Gamble Street right of way that runs west from Oak Street for a distance of 176.22 feet, within the Town of Mansfield AND 4) A Tract of land situated in Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana and more fully described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, Louisiana according to map thereof made by J. D. Wemple and running thence North 2.90 chains; thence West 2.67 chains; thence South 2.90 chains; thence East 2.67 chains to the place of beginning. LESS AND EXCEPT: Beginning at a point 103.40 feet North from the Southeast corner of said Block 48 and running thence North 88 feet; thence West 176.22 feet; thence South 88 feet; thence East 176.22 feet to the place of beginning. AND 5) A Tract of land situated in Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana and more fully described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the South line of Hope Street, as now used, with the West line of Oak Street, running thence South 86.8 feet to the line of the property formerly owned by the Mansfield Baptist Church, thence West 86.8 feet, thence North 86.8 feet to Hope Street, thence East 86.8 feet to the place of beginning; being a lot out of Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, Louisiana, fronting 86.8 feet on Oak Street, and running back along Hope Street, as now used, a distance of 86.8 feet to the Point of Beginning. AND 6) A Tract of land situated in Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana and more fully described as follows: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Block 48 of the Town of Mansfield, thence North along the West line of Oak Street 103.40 feet to the Point of Beginning; running thence North along the West line of Oak Street 51.5 feet; running thence west 176.22 feet; running thence South 51.5 feet; running thence East 176.22 feet to

the Point of Beginning. AND 7) All of Blocks 43 and 71 of the Town of Mansfield, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, as per plat of Town of Mansfield, recorded in Desoto Parish, Louisiana, LESS AND EXCEPT the following two tracts of land: (a) The North 25 feet of Block 71; (b) A tract of land containing 0.558 acres, more or less, expropriated to the State of Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development and identified as Parcel No. 24-4 on right of way plans of State Project No. 025-06-0035.

(264 Oak Street)

WHEREAS, a petition to the Mansfield Planning/Zoning Commission was properly filed requesting that the property described here-in-above be rezoned and all proper notices and procedures have been followed:

AND WHEREAS, the Mansfield Board of Aldermen has recommended that said property be rezoned:

SECTION 1. The property shall be rezoned from an I-2 District (Heavy Industry District) to an B-3 (Community and Central Business District) said property being described as herein above.

SECTION 2. All parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance was introduced by Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis on the 10th day of January, 2022, with a second by Alderman Christopher S. Thomas and passed, to publish the Ordinance title on January 20, 2022, and present for adoption on January 24, 2022.

UPON MOTION OF Mitchell L. Lewis and SECONDED BY Christopher S. Thomas, the above and foregoing ordinance was adopted on this the 24th day of January 24, 2022, with the votes as follows:

Yeas: 3	Nays: 0	Absent: 2	Abstain: 0
C. Thomas		M. Green	
M. Lewis		J. Hall, Hr.	
K. Campbell			

/s/ John H. Mayweather, Sr., *Mayor*

/s/Marvin R. Jackson, *City Clerk*

New Business: -None.

Before adjournment, the Mayor announced that Alderman Joseph Hall's father had recently passed and that the funeral was scheduled for Saturday, January 29th and will be held at *Union Spring Baptist Church* here in Mansfield. All present agreed to pray for Alderman Hall and his family. A time of day for the funeral service was not known at this meeting.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:41 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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