

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**June 13, 2022**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **June 13th**, 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:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief). **Others Present:** Thomas Jones, Jr. (Mayor-Elect), Victoria Jackson (Councilwoman-Elect for Dist. C), Antonio Washington (City Councilman-Elect for Dist. D), Rita Myles (Councilwoman-Elect for Dist. E), and Canna Hynes. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **May 23, 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 voiced 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. 3 of 2022** drafted to **amend** the city’s Annual Financial Budget for fiscal year **2022** for the purchase of duty gear for new hires and to replace outdated gear used by police officers in the Mansfield Police Department. The purchase, if approved, would total approximately \$52,000.00. This will be the first budget amendment proposed for fiscal year 2022. When no comments were voiced on this matter, the public hearing was then closed.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt **Ordinance No. 3 of 2022** as proposed, drafted to **amend** the city’s Annual Financial Budget for fiscal year **2022** for the purchase of duty gear for new hires and to replace outdated gear used by police officers in the Mansfield Police Department. The gear needed for this department totals approximately \$52,000.00. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to proposed **Ordinance No. 4 of 2022**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner **CSJ Enterprises, Inc.** on property bearing a municipal address of **101 Crosby Street** from an B-2 District (Neighborhood Business District to a B-1 District (Buffer Business District). This address (101 Crosby Street) will become the future home of Mansfield Baptist Church, which is currently

located at 1100 Oxford Road. Thus, purchase by the church of this property will be for the construction of a new church facility. When no comments were voiced on the petitioner's request for a zone change, the public hearing was then closed.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to adopt **Ordinance No. 4 of 2022** as proposed, drafted to request a zone change at **101 Crosby Street** from a B-2 district (Neighborhood Business District) to a B-1 district (Buffer Business District). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: No other old business.

**New Business:**

Item A: Proposed **Ordinance No. 5 of 2022** was introduced, drafted to **amend** the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mansfield to increase Water Rates; amending Section 21-53 of Division I of Article III in Chapter 21. It was stated that the last rate increase was in July 2015. At that time, the minimum monthly rate was increased by \$6.00. Should the proposed **Ordinance** be adopted, the minimum monthly rate would increase by \$5.00. Doing so would result in the City realizing an increase monthly in water revenue of approximately \$14,410.00 and an annual increase of approximately \$172,920.00. This calculation was based on a total of nearly 2,900 users of the city's water system. For customers inside the city limits, their monthly minimum bill for 2,000 gallons of water used would increase from \$20 to \$25. Similarly, for customers residing outside the city limits, their monthly minimum bill for 2,000 gallons would increase from \$22 to \$27. No rate change is being proposed for the per thousand gallons of water used after the first 2,000 of water usage. After this information was shared with the Mayor and Council, it was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the June 23<sup>rd</sup> edition of our local journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*) and set a public hearing on same to be conducted at the Council's June 27<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, the clerk presented and briefly summarized a Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period 01/01/2022 through 05/31/22 for the Corporation General Fund, the Waterworks Fund, and the Sewer Fund. This year-to-date statement provided the officials with a summary of revenues collected to-date and expenditures incurred and paid to-date for the three major funds mentioned above. The clerk further explained that with regard to revenues and expenditures, we should have collected and expended approximately 50% respectively at the end of May. Additionally, if when reviewing the expenditures for any given department, that department reflects expenditures greater than 50%, this could indicate that that department will be over budget by or before year end. In those cases, the department heads will need to start to

more closely monitor their expenditures and should earnestly make attempts to curtail expenses when possible. This report was provided as a *'for your information'* type document. No action was necessary. It will be provided to the council regularly so that they will have working knowledge of the city's current financial health all during the year.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:50 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*