

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
June 27, 2022

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **June 27th**, 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 **Alderswoman Mary J. Green**. 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:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Fred Jones (Police Dept.), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief), Kadarius Youngblood (Fire Dept.), Zayvier Jones (Fire Dept.), Christopher Samuels (Fire Dept.), **Others Present:** Thomas Jones, Jr. (Mayor-Elect), Rita Myles (Councilwoman-Elect for Dist. E), Sharon Collins (Mansfield resident), and Brittney Ross (Mansfield resident). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **June 13, 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. 5 of 2022** 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. As in prior meetings, 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 monthly increase 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 gallons of water usage. As has been stated in previous council meetings, the Clerk reiterated that presently, the expenditures incurred in the Water Fund exceed the amount of revenue being collected. This increase would bring this fund out of red and help to stabilize it. Additionally, this increased revenue could also afford the City the means to build some water fund reserves. After all this information was again repeated for the Mayor and Council's benefit, Alderman

Hall stated this he was not amenable at this time to vote for approval of a water rate increase. Instead, he felt that this proposed increase should be the decision of the new administration –the council members recently elected and Mayor-elect Thomas Jones, Jr.. Alderwoman Green echoed similar comments and further stated that she would prefer that this issue not be her final official act as a council member –voting to approve a water rate increase. Likewise, Alderman Campbell stated that he favored tabling this issue and presenting this proposal to the new Mayor and Council for deliberation. When no further comments were voiced on this matter, the public hearing was then subsequently closed.

Item B: On the matter of voting to approve the proposed water rate increase (**Ordinance No. 5 of 2022**), it was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to table this matter and present same in an upcoming meeting to the incoming Mayor and Council after they officially take office. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: No other old business discussed.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner **Nekela McClinton** to situate a mobile home for residential use on property located in an R-1 District (Single-Family Residence District) and bearing a municipal address of **7466 Highway 509**. Ms. **McClinton** informed the Zoning Clerk (Gwen Jones) that this mobile home would become her permanent residence. At the Zoning Commission’s meeting on April 27th, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the petitioner’s request. It was also stated at the Commission’s meeting that there are other mobile homes in the vicinity. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: At this time, the clerk made attendees of the meeting aware that three of the present Aldermen were leaving their offices, namely Aldermen Mitchell Lewis, Joseph Hall, and Kervin Campbell. Individually, each exiting Alderman was presented an award specifying their years of service. First up was Alderman Mitchell Lewis. He has served as an Alderman since July 1990 (32 years). The next recipient of a service award was Joseph Hall, Jr., who has served since July 2006 (16 years). And finally, Alderman Kervin Campbell was presented an award for his 9 years of service (since April 2013). As awards were presented, a photo was taken with each Alderman, along with the City Clerk. Each Alderman was allowed to offer a few remarks ahead of their departure from office. All three similarly expressed their pleasure and honor of serving the citizens of Mansfield in this capacity. While making his expressions, Alderman Campbell encouraged the incoming council members, the City Hall staff, all city employees and

all Mansfield citizens to support the incoming Mayor and make a concerted effort to work in unity and harmony with each other. Alderwoman Green closed the period for expressions by simply stating her pleasure at serving alongside the exiting Aldermen and also sharing how much she will miss seeing them on a regular basis.

Item C: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:58 p.m.** by MOTION from **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and was SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** Motion Passed Unanimously.

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