

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
March 14, 2022

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **March 14th**, 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**, Joseph Hall, Jr. – District **D**, and Kervin D. Campbell –District **E**. **Absent: None. City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Gwendolyn Jones (Deputy Clerk), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Captain –MFD). **Others Present:** seven (7) guests. **Press Present:** None.

It should be noted that at the last meeting, the council voted to procure proposals from other auditing firms to perform the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s (LLAs) mandated Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPS), but was informed that the LLA requires the SAUPS to be performed by same firm that performs the annual audit. This information was provided to the Council prior to this meeting. It was MOTIONED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and SECONDED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** to approve the minutes of the **February 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: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to proposed **Ordinance No. 2 of 2022**, drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner **Clarence Davis** on property bearing a municipal address of **729 Louise Street** from an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) to an O-R District (Open Space and Recreation District) for the purpose of constructing a cemetery at this site. Mr. **Davis’** petition was first submitted to the Mansfield Planning and Zoning Commission at their February 16th meeting. The petitioner’s request was met with strong opposition from residents owning property within 300 feet of the proposed cemetery site. The measure was denied by the Zoning Commission, and was now before the City Council for consideration. It bears mentioning that many of the same residents who were in attendance at the Commissioner’s meeting were also in attendance at this meeting. They reiterated their comments and concerns at this meeting. Specifically, two residents (Chassidy Robinson and Christine Washington) rose to voice their strong opposition to this petitioner’s request. Others who accompanied these residents nodded in agreement that the City Council should also deny this request for a rezoning of the subject property. When no other comments were expressed, the Public Comments Period was then subsequently closed.

Item B: After a brief discussion of the matter described in Item A above, it was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission to **deny** the request of petitioner Mr. **Clarence Davis** to rezone the property bearing the municipal address of **729 Louise Street** from an R-2 District to an O-R District. Motion Passed Unanimously.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** to approve advertisement in the March 24th, March 31st and April 7th editions of *The Enterprise & Interstate Progress* of public hearings on April 13th and April 20th, scheduled for the purpose of updating the public on the Broadband Feasibility and Assessment Study (for a proposed network buildout) currently being conducted, with these hearings to commence at 5:30 p.m. on both dates and held at the *DeSoto Parish Chamber of Commerce* facility (115 N. Washington Ave.) in their meeting room. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:40 p.m.** by MOTION from **JOSEPH HALL, JR.** and was SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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