

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
March 28, 2022

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **March 28th**, 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 **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**, 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 –MFD) and Anthony Johnson (Street Dept.). **Others Present:** (2) John Barr (Regional Director –for U.S. Senator John Kennedy) and Councilwoman elect Rita Myles – District E). **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **March 14, 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: None.

New Business:

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN**. to approve adoption of a Resolution designating **April 11th – April 15th, 2022** as ***National Community Development Week*** as a participant in the forty-eight year old Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in partnership with federal, state and local governments, also referencing the benefits of the CDBG program and the negative impacts which would result by discontinuing the funding of this program. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to approve issuance of a **Proclamation** at the request of Governor John Bel Edwards, commemorating **April 15, 2022** as the 54th Anniversary of the *National Fair Housing Law of 1968* in the state of Louisiana and proclaim the month of **April 2022** as **Fair Housing Month**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve **Change Order No. 2** as recommended by **BALAR Associates, Inc.** for contractor **Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc.** for the 2020/2021 LCDBG Wastewater Collection

System Improvements Project. This Change Order allowed for the removal of the rehabilitation of two segments of gravity sewer piping from the project and one unneeded service lateral repair. This Change Order also includes the addition of 1' segment of ping repair for repairs longer than 20'. Finally, the Change Order also includes an end of line structure. The sum of **\$623.10** for this Change Order is hereby deducted from the total contract price of \$583,488.66, and the adjusted contract price to-date hereby is **\$582,856.56**. The time provided for completion of the contract is unchanged. This document shall become an amendment to the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve acceptance of an Act of Donation from *DeSoto Parish EMS* of a **2010 International Ambulance 4300 SBA LP 4X2** for use across multiple city departments. The vehicle will be stationed at the Police Department, but will be equipped with apparatus that can accommodate the needs of the Fire Department and Public Works area as well. Motioned Passed Unanimously.

Item E: A brief discussion ensued regarding a request from **Canna Hynes** to change the names of 2105 South Washington Street, 2109 South Washington Street and 2111 South Washington Street to **Cammie Private Lane**. New street numbers would be assigned to the residents' homes by the *DeSoto Parish E-911* office. It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to authorize advertisement of this request for a street name change in the April 7th edition of our local journal (*The Enterprise & Interstate Progress*), and to set a public hearing on same for 04/12/2022. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: No other new business discussed.

Prior to adjournment, Alderwoman Green directed an inquiry to Fire Chief Bryan Ross regarding a consideration to purchase a used 2009 Fire Rescue Truck he'd located in Houston, TX. Chief Ross reported that upon closer inspection of the vehicle, it was determined that the unit would require a motor replacement. He further stated that because of the extensive repair needed, he decided to pass on pursuing this purchase any further. Finally, Alderman Campbell rose to orally congratulate councilwoman-elect **Rita Myles** on her recent win from the March 26th election for the council seat of District E. With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **4:47 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