

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**May 9, 2022**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **May 9th**, 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 Christopher S. Thomas**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mitchell L. Lewis**. 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), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Billy Locke (Asst. Police Chief), John Evans (City Attorney. **Others Present:** (2) Antonio Washington (City Councilman Elect for Dist. D), Rita Myles (Councilwoman Elect for Dist. E), Daron West (*LA Connected*), Aaron Jackson (*Lit Communities*), Reginald Mims (*LA Connected*), Leathon “Buck” Magee, and a host of others. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the minutes of the **April 25, 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: The city clerk updated the Mayor and Council on the status of the improvements needed at the properties bearing municipal addresses of 2105, 2109 and 2111 South Washington Streets. The petitioner, Ms. **Canna Hynes**, in a previous meeting had requested a street name change to Cammie Private Lane, but had intimated that she would perform certain improvements to the property to allow for better access to emergency responders (EMT personnel, fire and police department personnel and any other 1<sup>st</sup> responders). Currently, the pathway that traverses through the property is unimproved (dirt and grass). It has been stated to her that in instances of inclement weather, access to the property would be extremely difficult. A visit paid to the property by the city clerk on May 6th revealed that since the last council meeting (April 25<sup>th</sup>), no improvements had been effected. Ms. Hynes stated that in addition to improvements to the pathway, she would also have a travel trailer removed that is currently situated on the property and remove one of the mobile homes situated there as well. To-date, these structures still remain. It was the wish of the council to discontinue discussions about proceeding with the street name change until such time as the improvements needed have been performed.

Item B: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the results of a city-wide Broadband Community Assessment and Feasibility Study recently completed in

accordance with the LA Local Government Fair Competition Act performed to assist the city in better understanding the steps necessary in building a municipal fiber broadband network. When no comments were offered, the public hearing was then subsequently closed.

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve a **Resolution** providing for the employment of *Foley & Judell, L.L.P.* as special counsel and *Argent Advisors, Inc.* as a municipal advisor in connection with certain economic development projects and related transactions, including the potential establishment of a municipal fiber broadband network within the City and providing for other matters in connection therewith. In the case of both firms, their employment was accomplished by the execution of engagement letters. At this meeting, *Foley & Judell* was represented the Mr. **J. Hardy Andrews**. With *Foley & Judell*, they will be primarily responsible for negotiating and drafting any documents that may be required to achieve the goals previously stated above. As part of the engagement, they will confer with members of the working group, including the Mayor and various public officials, and review legal issues relating to the necessary transactions involved with certain projects and transactions as stated. With *Argent Advisors*, they will provide services with respect to the issuances of municipal securities (“Bonds”). Further, as part of their services as a municipal advisor to the City, *Argent* will provide advice concerning the structure, timing, terms, sizing and other similar matters related to the issuance of the Bonds. Representing *Argent* was Mr. **Lucius McGehee, Jr.** Mr. McGehee pointedly informed the Mayor and Council that no fees would be charged by his firm unless and until bonds were issued. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: The city’s annual **Municipal Water Pollution Prevention (MWPP)** Environmental Audit Report was reviewed. In order to maintain the city’s Sewer Discharge Permit (#LA 0038962), the city provides to the LA Dept. of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) certain assurances. Those assurances are specified in the **Resolution** contained within the Audit Report. With the adoption of the **Resolution**, the City of Mansfield resolves to continue to annually review user charges and adjust same as necessary to ensure sufficient funds for operation, maintenance, and repairs to equipment within the system, seek alternative funding sources for collection system improvements located in areas not eligible for LCDBG funding, and encourage continued education and training of its system operators. It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to adopt the **Resolution** on page 17 of the Environmental Audit Report. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: Proposed **Ordinance No. 3 of 2022** was introduced drafted to amend the city’s Annual Financial Budget for fiscal year **2022**. If the council was in agreement with the amendment, they would then authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the May 19<sup>th</sup> edition of *The*

Enterprise, and set a public hearing on same for the Aldermen's regular meeting scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This amendment increased a Corporation capital expenditure line item related by \$52,000 (\$216,000 to \$268,000) for the purchase of duty gear for new hires and to replace outdated gear used by police officers in the Mansfield Police Department. The Council was in agreement that such gear was needed, but wanted to know the source of the new allocation. When their inquiry could not be satisfied, it was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to suspend the advertisement of the **Ordinance** title and the setting of the public hearing until such time as their inquiry could be satisfied. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: Proposed **Ordinance No. 4 of 2022** was introduced drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner *CSJ Enterprises, Inc.* on property bearing a municipal address of **101 Crosby Street** from a B-2 District (Neighborhood Business District) to a B-1 (Buffer Business District). A petitioner was submitted to the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission at their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting and was recommended by the Commission for approval at this meeting, without any opposition. This address (101 Crosby Street) will become the future home of Mansfield Baptist Church. Thus purchase by the church of this property will be for the construction of a new church facility. It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN** to authorize advertisement of the title of the **Ordinance** in the May 19<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Enterprise*, and set a public hearing on same for the council's regular meeting scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: It was MOTIONED by **KERVIN D. CAMPBELL** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** to approve the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioners **Jessie** and **Carolyn McDaniel** 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 **1203 Old Jefferson Highway**. This petitioner was submitted and considered by the Commission at their April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting, and approved without opposition. As it was noted that there are other mobile homes in the vicinity. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item F: It was MOTIONED by **MARY J. GREEN** and SECONDED by **MITCHELL L. LEWIS** to approve the recommendation of the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioner **Harrietta Jefferson** to situate a mobile home for residential use on property located in an R-2 District (Multi-Family Residence District) and bearing a municipal address of **128 Amy Gee Lane**. It should be mentioned that a lengthy discussion ensued between the Commissioners regarding concerns with the size of the lot where the mobile home would be situated. The Commissioners deliberated for some time as to whether the lot size was adequate to accommodate the size of the mobile home. However, after some deliberation the petitioner's request was approved. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item G: No other new business discussed.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:03 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER S. THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **MARY J. GREEN**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

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