

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 27, 2023**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **February 27th**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:30 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Christopher Thomas**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderswoman Victoria Jackson**. 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. Thomas Jones, Jr., -**Mayor**, Mary Green –District **A**, Christopher Thomas –District **B**, Victoria Jackson –District **C**, and Rita Myles –District **E**. **Absent:** Antonio Washington -District **D**. **Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** William C. Bradford (City Attorney), Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Tommie Crawford (Public Relations Officer), LaSonja Byrd (HR), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief –MFD), Christopher Johnson (MPD), Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), Chris Samuels (Fire Dept.), Kadarius Youngblood (Fire Dept), Joseph Tarver (Fire Dept). **Others Present:** sixteen (16) guests. **Press Present:** None.

**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** MENTIONED that the agenda be amended to receive comments from Union Springs regarding water issues, and SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**. With no opposition from the City Council, the published agenda was amended to hear and discuss comments relative to this issue.

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to approve the minutes of the **February 13, 2023 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously.

The Mayor next opened the floor to hear public comments from those in attendance, to any item outlined on the meeting agenda.

At this time, Pastor Joseph Hall voiced his concerns regarding a letter received from the City of Mansfield in reference to a water bill regarding the old Alternate School that Union Springs acquired. After a lengthy discussion regarding the issue, Mayor Jones extended an open invitation to Pastor Hall for further discussion.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **RITA MYLES** and SECONDED by **MARY GREEN** to approve the introduction by title only of an Ordinance to increase monthly Paid Time Off accruals by one hour per month for all City employees having worked beyond his or her working test period of 90 calendar days and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to accept the recommendation by Chief Bryan Ross to make Joseph Tarver and Kadarius Youngblood fulltime firefighters and start receiving their state pay. Motion Passed Unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:00 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Thomas Jones, Jr.,** *Mayor*

**Tommie Crawford,** *Public Relations Officer*