

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**  
**January 9, 2023**

In a *special* meeting called pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 42:19, the Board of Aldermen met on **January 9th**, 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 **Aldерwoman Rita J. Myles**. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Christopher S. Thomas**. Following the pledge, the roll call was had. The following officials were recorded as in attendance at this regular meeting of the City Council. **Present:** Hon. Thomas Jones, Jr., -**Mayor**, Mary J. Green –District **A**, Christopher S. Thomas –District **B**, Victoria W. Jackson –District **C** and Rita J. Myles –District **E**. **Absent:** Antonio Washington –District **D**. **City Hall Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Marvin Jackson (Clerk), Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Melony McCarty (Accountant), William Bradford (City Attorney), Annette Blue (Police Chief), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief), Fred Jones (MPD), Joshua Schenck (MPD), Chris Samuels (MFD), Zavier Jones (MFD), Donald Anthony (MFD), and Kadarius Youngblood (MFD). **Others Present:** Winfred Johnson and Rodney Coleman. **Press Present:** None.

It was MOTIONED by **RITA J. MYLES** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to approve the minutes of the **December 21, 2022 *special*** 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:**

None

**New Business:**

Item A: It was MOTIONED by **MARY GREEN** and SECONDED by **RITA MYLES** to approval the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning & Zoning Commission *granting* permission to petitioner **Victoria W. Jackson** 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 **1213 Georgia Street**. Victoria Jackson abstained from voting. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MARY GREEN** to approve of **Change Order No. 3** for contractor *Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc.* as prepared and submitted by the city's consulting engineering firm *BALAR Associates, Inc.* for the 2020/2021 LCDBG Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project. (BPN 20028.00 – SCN 2000524910). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item C: It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **RITA MYLES** to approve of a Certificate of Substantial Completion as submitted by **BALAR Associates, Inc.** for contractor **Suncoast Infrastructure, Inc.** for the 2020/2021 LCDBG Wastewater Collection System Improvements Project. (BPN 20028.00 – SCN 2000524910). Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item D: It was MOTIONED by **MARY GREEN** and SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** to postpone the approval to authorize birthdays off for all full-time employees at the employee's regular rate of pay to be taken on the actual birthday, or when possible not later than within the pay period where the birthday falls. Motion Passed Unanimously.

Item E: Mayor Jones began his comments stating this year will be better than last year. Mayor stated that he will begin interviewing for the HR director tomorrow. Also, lunch will be served for all city employees this Wednesday at Classic C event center for employee appreciation day. Christopher Thomas thanked the departments working during the water outage to get water restored. He also thanked Chief Blue and Assistant Chief Billy Locke for getting bottled water to the citizens and potable water to the Dialysis Center, nursing homes and hospital. Alderwoman Jackson thanked Ronnie Morris for cleaning up her district.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was declared adjourned at **5:10 p.m.** by MOTION from **RITA MYLES** and was SECONDED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS**. Motion Passed Unanimously.

**Thomas Jones, Jr., *Mayor***  
**Tommie Crawford, Public Relations Officer**