

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 10, 2023

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **July 10, 2023**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:33 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Antonio Washington**, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Aldерwoman 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**, Rita Myles –District **E**. Christopher Thomas–District **B**. Victoria Jackson – District **C**, Antonio Washington -District **D**, **Absent:** Mary Green – District **A**., William Bradford (City Attorney) **Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Maria Hogan (City Clerk), Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), LaSonja Byrd (HR Director) Bryan Ross (Fire Chief) **Others Present:** Winfred Johnson, Curtis R. Joseph Jr. (Attorney).

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON** to approve the minutes of the **June 26, 2023 *regular*** City Council meeting and dispense with the reading. Motion Passed Unanimously

Mayor Jones 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 Antonio Washington and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to Approve the Resolution #9 requesting the Louisiana Department of Natural resources, Office of the State Mineral and Energy Board, to lease certain mineral interests owned by the City of Mansfield and authorizing the Board to execute such leases and all documents relative to same; and to otherwise provide with respect thereto. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Item B It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Antonio Washington to approve the **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana will meet on Monday, August 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., at the Mansfield City Hall, 705 Polk Street, Mansfield, Louisiana, at which time there will be consideration of action regarding calling an election to authorize the incurring of debt through the issuance of general obligations bonds and the levy and collection of an ad valorem tax dedicated to the payment of the principal, interest, and premium, if any, on the bonds. The proceeds of the bonds will be used for constructing and maintaining infrastructure to allow third parties the ability to provide broadband to the residents and businesses of Mansfield. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item C It was MOTIONED by Victoria Jackson and SECONDED by to Approve the adoption of Resolution No. 11 of 2023 declaring Surplus Equipment and authorizing advertisement of said Resolution and the advertisement of bids. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Comments: Mayor Thomas Jones Jr informed everyone that the guys worked diligently to repair the water leaks in the city. He stated that if we see the guys on the street to encourage them, and let them know that we appreciate their hard work.

Mayor Jones also stated that the city is looking into the probability of replacing all our water meters. The new metering system will allow reading to be electronically displayed at the office.

Councilwoman Myles had concerns about, where Uline would help pay for the expense of the pipes that were busted. Mayor Jones responded that the company does assist in the repairs.

Councilman Washington stated that he spoke to Tarus Chapman about the drainage ditch and bridges on Johnson and Jacob St. Mayor Jones informed the council that the bridges were DeSoto Parish Police Jury responsibility, but Jessie and DPPJ will take care of the vegetation growing up.

Councilman Thomas inquired about the repair of High School St. Mayor Jones stated that the city is working to overlay the street.

Mayor Jones informed us about the Chlorine Cleanse going on until September.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at **4:53 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**.
Motion Passed Unanimously.

Thomas Jones, Jr., *Mayor*
Maria Hogan, *City Clerk*