

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING
July 24, 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 **4:34 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Alderman Victoria Jackson**, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Mary 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. Thomas Jones, Jr.-**Mayor**, Rita Myles –District **E**. Christopher Thomas–District **B**. Victoria Jackson – District **C**, Antonio Washington -District **D**, **Absent:** Antonio Washington -District **D** Rita Myles –District **E**, **Personnel, Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Maria Hogan (City Clerk), William Bradford (City Attorney) Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcement Officer), LaSonja Byrd (HR Director) Bryan Ross (Fire Chief) **Others Present:** Karen Ellis (Performance Service Inc.) Jason Parrott (Underground Utility Supply) Mike Busada (Bond Counsel)Tarus Chatman (PWD)

It was MOTIONED by **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and SECONDED by **MARY GREEN** to approve the minutes of the **JULY 10, 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: Mary Green gave an updated report for the Mansfield Civic Group on the Juneteenth Festival.

Item B: It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to approve **RESOLUTION NO.12 OF 2023 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BARON & BUDD, P.C., COSSICH, SUMICH, PARSIOLO & TAYLOR, L.L.C., WASHINGTON & WELLS LAW FIRM, AND RONALD J. MICIOTTO, L.L.C, AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.** (Attorneys will provide legal services to Client with respect to damages, compensation, and other relief to which Client may be entitled as a result of an Action to be filed by Attorneys on behalf of Client against the manufacturer(s) of firefighting foam products (known as “aqueous film forming foam” or “AFFF”) and/or other products containing perfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) (including perfluorooctanoic acid (“PFOA” or “C8”), perfluorooctane sulfonate (“PFOS”), and any other related compounds). **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Item C: It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to accept A presentation by Karen Ellis of Performance Services to consider and take possible action to approve a Letter of Intent for the preparation of an Investment Grade Audit (IGA). This IGA will detail the engineering, construction costs, and guaranteed energy savings & revenue enhancements associated with recommended energy and water efficiency improvements under an Energy Savings Performance Contract as defined by Louisiana Legislation Chapter 10- Performance Based Energy Efficiency Contracts. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item D: It was MOTIONED by Victoria Jackson and SECONDED by Christopher Thomas to approve of the recommendation offered by the Mansfield Planning & zoning Commission **granting** the request of petitioners **Clarissa Johnson** to situate a mobile home for residential use on property located in an R-1 (Single-Family Residence District) bearing a municipal address of **1118 Sample Street. Motion Passed Unanimously.**

Item E: It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by to Introduce the proposed Ordinance No 1 of 2023 drafted to change zoning at the request of petitioner **Jackie S. Albright** on property bearing a municipal address of **540 Kings Hwy**, from an R-1 (Single Family Residence Districts) to a B-3 (Community and Central Business Districts), authorize advertisement of the title of the Ordinance in the **8/3/2023** edition of The Enterprise, and set a public hearing on same for **August 14, 2023. Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item F: It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Mary Green to remove **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1 NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX.** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana will meet on Monday, July 24, 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 renewal of the levy and collection of an existing ad valorem tax for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Item G: A draft copy of Change Order No. 3 for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements project (LCDBG funded). This change order is for the piping modifications required by the contractor.

Item H: It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Mary Green and Victoria Jackson to add to the agenda **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1 NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana will meet on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 4:00 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 continuation of the levy and collection of an existing ad valorem tax for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City. **Motion Passed Unanimously.** Also, it was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Mary Green to approve **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1 NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION**

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Item I It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by and Victoria Jackson to add to the agenda **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1 NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF ACTION REGARDING AD VALOREM TAX**

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Unanimously. Also, it was MOTIONED by Mary Green and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to approve **PURSUANT TO LA. R.S. 42:19.1**

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Comments: Mayor Thomas Jones Jr thanked Jason Parrott for his service with the main water leak. Mayor Jones ask that we continue to show our appreciation to the city worker for the great work they are doing for the City of Mansfield. Mayor Jones stated that there will be some new businesses coming to the City of Mansfield soon.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at **5:44 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **VICTORIA JACKSON.**
Motion Passed Unanimously.

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