

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

March 11, 2024

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in a *regular session* on **March 11, 2024**, in Mansfield City Hall at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:35 p.m.** and offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Antonio Washington**. Following the pledge, the roll call was suspended. However, the following officials were in attendance at this regular meeting of the City Council. **Present:** Hon. Thomas Jones, Jr.-Mayor, Rita Myles -District E, Antonio Washington- District D, Mary Green District A, Christopher Thomas- District B **Absent:** Victoria Jackson District C, **Personnel Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Curtis Joseph (Attorney), Maria Hogan- City Clerk, Christopher Johnson (Chief), Michelle Thomas (Asst. Chief), Bryan Ross (Fire Chief), Chris Samuels, DaKayla Thomas, Johnny Zamarripa, Theresa Zamarripa, Christian Taylor, Fred Jones, Brittney Byrd. **Others Present:** Alex Washington, Ken Antec, Winfred Johnson

It was **MOTIONED** by Mary Green and **SECONDED** by Antonio Washington to approve the minutes from February 26, 2024. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Public Comments

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

During the public comment period, Winfred Johnson thanked Sgt. Johnny Zamarripa for a job well done. Mr. Johnson stated that Sgt. Zamarripa was very professional in his line of services. The Public Comments Period was then closed.

Old Business: NONE

Deletion Additions/Deletions to Agenda

Mayor Jones requested that the council add two additional Resolutions to the agenda.

The floor was opened for public comments on the additions. When no public comments were offered, the **Public Comments Period** was then closed. It was **MOTION** by Mary Green and **SECONDED** by Rita Myles to add those items as "C" and "D" to the agenda. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

News Business

- A. Chief Christopher Johnson presented the City Councilman with the promotion for Sgt. Johnny Zamarripa to Lieutenant. Sgt. Zamarripa accepted the promotion.
- B. Chief Christopher Johnson asked the Council for approval of Office Britney Bryd for her supplemental pay. **MOTION** by Christopher Thomas and **SECONDED** by Rita Myles. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**
- C. A Resolution authorizing the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana to proceed with the issuance of its not to exceed Two Million Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$2,850,000) of Revenue Bonds, in one or more series; providing certain terms of said bonds; making application to the State Bond Commission for approval of said Bonds;

appointing Bond Counsel, Municipal Advisor, Issuer Counsel, Underwriter/Placement Agent; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. It was **MOTIONED** by Antonio Washinton and **SECONDED** by Christopher Thomas. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

- D. A resolution granting preliminary authority for the city of Mansfield, state of Louisiana, to proceed with the issuance of utility revenue bonds in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,130,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and acquiring additions, extensions, facilitating lead service line inventory and improvements to the water and sewer systems of said city; and providing for other matters in connection therewith. It was **MOTIONED** by Mary Green and **SECONDED** by Rita Myles. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Comments: Mayor Jones began his comments by congratulating Sgt. Johnny Zamarripa on his promotion and Officer Brittney Byrd on completing her 90-day probation period. Mayor Jones and Chief Johnson then gave an update on the lease agreement for the new vehicles for the Police Dept. Also, Chief Bryan Ross informed the public that the Fire Dept. is working hard to prepare for our fire grading inspection. Mayor Jones stated that we will be receiving our Water System Grade soon.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by **MOTION** from **ANTONIO WASHINGTON** and was **SECONDED** by **RITA MYLES**. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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