

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

March 25, 2024

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in a *regular* session on **March 25, 2024**, in Mansfield City Hall at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at 4:31 p.m., after which Alderwoman Mary Green offered an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Christopher Thomas. 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, Victoria Jackson District C, Antonio Washington- District D, Mary Green District A, Christopher Thomas- District B **Personnel Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** Curtis Joseph Jr. (Attorney), Maria Hogan- City Clerk, Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Christopher Johnson (Chief), Michelle Thomas (Asst. Chief), Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcer), Tarus Chatman (Public Work Director), LaSonja Byrd (HR Director), Dekereiya Howard, Benjamin Phillips, Fred Jones, DaKayla Thomas, Johnny Zamarripa, Ja'Quarius Gant, **Others Present:** Matthew McKee and John Barr. It was MOTIONED by Rita Myles and SECONDED by Antonio Washington to approve the minutes from March 11, 2024. **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 by any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Old Business:

- A. It was MOTIONED by Antonio Washington and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to approve A resolution amending and restating a prior resolution granting preliminary authority for the city of Mansfield, state of Louisiana, to proceed with the issuance of revenue bonds, in one or more series, in an amount not to exceed one million one hundred thirty thousand dollars (\$1,130,000) for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing and acquiring additions, extensions, and improvements to the water portion of the combined enterprise systems of the city; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

Mayor Jones then opened the floor for discussion and questions. When no discussion or questions were voiced at this meeting, the period was then subsequently closed. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

News Business

- A. Presentation from Chief Christopher Johnson and Asst. Chief Michelle Crawford swore Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel as an Honorary Mansfield Police Officer and presented him with his badge # 171 and uniform.
Mayor Jones welcomed the Honorable Officer Devarjaye "DJ" Daniel to the City of Mansfield.
- B. It was MOTIONED by Christopher Thomas and SECONDED by Mary Green to approve Resolution 2 of 2024 providing for canvassing the returns and declaring the result of the special election held in the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana (the "City"), on Saturday, November 18, 2023, to authorize the continuation of the levy and collection of an 8.80 mills tax for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024

and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City and other lawful expenses related thereto **Motion Passed Unanimously**

- C. It was MOTIONED by Antonio Washington and SECONDED by Victoria Jackson to approve the Process verbal of the canvass of the votes cast at the election held in the city of Mansfield, state of Louisiana, on Saturday, November 18, 2023. be it known and remembered that on the 25th day of March 2024 at 4:30 p.m., in the Mansfield City Hall, 705 Polk Street, Mansfield, Louisiana, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana (the "*Governing Authority*"), acting as the governing authority of the City of Mansfield, State of Louisiana (the "*City*"), and being the authority ordering the election held therein on Saturday, November 18, 2023, did examine and canvass the returns of the election, there having been submitted at the election the following proposition, to-wit: **Motion Passed Unanimously**
- D. Approval of An Ordinance directing the continuation of an existing 8.80 mills tax on assessed valuation on all the property subject to taxation in the City for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2024 and ending with the year 2033, for the purpose of providing general funds for any lawful corporate purposes of the City. **Motion Passed Unanimously**

Comments

Mayor Jones began his comments by asking Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcer) to speak about Keep Mansfield Beautiful. Ronnie Morris stated that the city will have a cleanup day on April 27, 2024, and asked everyone to participate.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at 4:51 p.m. by MOTION from VICTORIA JACKSON and was SECONDED by RITA MYLES
Motion Passed Unanimously.

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