

City of Mansfield
MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING

November 13, 2023

In-Person Council Meeting

The Board of Aldermen met in a *regular* session on **November 13, 2023**, in Mansfield City Hall at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:41 p.m.**, after which Alderman Christopher Thomas offered an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderwoman 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, Mary Green District A **Absent:** Antonio Washington -District D **Personnel Dept. Heads, & Other City Personnel Present:** LaSonja Byrd (HR Director) Bryan Ross (Fire Chief), Maria Hogan (City Clerk), Gwen Jones (Deputy Clerk), Tarus Chatman (PWD) Christopher Johnson (Chief) Michelle Thomas (Asst Chief) Ronnie Morris (Code Enforcer) **Others Present: Matthew McKee**

It was **MOTIONED** by Christopher Thomas and **SECONDED** by Victoria Jackson to approve the minutes of the **October 23, 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 by any of the attendees at this meeting, the **Public Comments Period** was then subsequently closed.

Mayor Jones asked for a motion to put the Nepotism Policy back on the table. It was **MOTIONED** by Mary Green and **SECONDED** by Victoria Jackson. **Motioned Passed Unanimously.**

Mayor Jones opened the floor to discuss and make comments on the Nepotism Policy.

Alderman Thomas stated that after carefully researching the policy, his questions have been answered about the Nepotism Policy.

Mayor Jones stated that we will now vote on that motion that...All in favor say “Aye”. All opposed say “Nay”. The motion has passed with Amary Green, Christopher Thomas, and Victoria Jackson voting (AYE) and Rita Myles voting (NAY)

Old Business: NONE

News Business

Item A: A public hearing was conducted to hear and discuss any comments related to the 2024 Proposed Operating Budget of Revenues & Expenditures.

Item B. Presentation of the 2024 Proposed Operating Budget and Revenues and Expenditures. The public hearing is set for November 27.2023.

Item C It was **MOTIONED** by Rita Myles and **SECONDED** by Christopher Thomas for a Resolution authorizing Mayor Jones to engage the services of The Purple Guys for Information Technology-related matters. **Motioned Passed Unanimously.**

Item D It was **MOTIONED** by Mary Green and **SECONDED** by Victoria Jackson that Ordinance #4 for the Budget Amendment for 2023 be accepted with the necessary changes to the Mayor’s office Auto Reimbursement. **Motioned Passed Unanimously.**

Item E It was MOTIONED by Mary Green and SECONDED by Rita Myles for a Resolution authorizing Mayor Jones to engage with EisnerAmper for the City of Mansfield annual auditor.

Motioned Passed Unanimously

Comments

Mayor Jones began his comments by informing everyone about the new water bill system being mailed out.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at **5:11 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**

Motion Passed Unanimously.

Thomas Jones, Jr., *Mayor*

Maria Hogan, *City Clerk*