

**City of Mansfield**  
**MINUTES OF *REGULAR* PUBLIC MEETING**

**October 11, 2023**

**In-Person Council Meeting**

The Board of Aldermen met in *regular* session on **September 25, 2023**, in Mansfield City Hall located at 705 Polk Street. Mayor Thomas Jones, Jr. called this meeting to order at **4:35 p.m.**, after which an Invocation was offered by **Aldерwoman Rita Myles**, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by **Alderman Antonio Washington**. 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**. Antonio Washington -District **D**, Christopher Thomas -District **B**, **Absent:** Victoria Jackson District **C** **None, 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) **Others Present:**

It was **MOTIONED** by Antonio Washington and **SECONDED** by Christopher Thomas to approve the minutes of the **SEPTEMBER 25, 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

Item A: It was **MOTIONED** by Christopher Thomas and **SECONDED** by Antonio Washington to table the approval of the Nepotism Policy for revision in the City of Mansfield Employee Handbook. **Motion Passed Unanimously.**

**Question**

Alderman Thomas stated that we should be able to hire family member regardless if they are family as long as they are not under the same supervision and if they qualify for the job.

Aldерwoman Green stated that we were all ready operating under the Nepotism Policy.

Mayor Jones assured them that we are operating under the Nepotism Policy but word the Relative is a broad word and should be immediate family.

LaSonja Byrd (HR) stated that she has reviewed sources through LMA

Comments: Aldерwoman Mary Green requested a copy of the organizational chart, because there was a water leak and she didn't know who to call at the water department.

Alderman Antonio Washington thanked the Public Works Director for cleaning the ditches.

Mayor Thomas Jones informed us that we have the contract from BlueLine camera system and Attorney Williams is looking over the contract.

Alderman Christopher Thomas asked how many officers do we have on the Police force.

Alderman Thomas commends the Police Dept on the great service that they provided for traffic stop.

Mayor Thomas Jones Jr stated that they have about 11 officers and appreciate the courtesy and mutual respect of the officers.

With no further business, this meeting was adjourned at **4:50 p.m.** by MOTION from **CHRISTOPHER THOMAS** and was SECONDED by **RITA MYLES**  
**Motion Passed Unanimously.**

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