

City of Mansfield

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Mansfield Community Center
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PRESENT: Jefferson Riley, Perry Lunsford, Lisa Dunn, Chris Fulmer, Helen Robertson
ABSENT: Post #5 Vacant

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He commented that it was nice to have a good crowd and noted that the Council Meetings are most effective with a good mix of people from the community.

Moving forward, Councilwoman Lisa Dunn made a Motion to approve the Agenda as presented and Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the Second. All Council voted “aye” and the Agenda was approved as presented.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley gave the invocation and lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

The Newton County Sheriff Deputy’s Cox and Young were present to give the Mansfield Report for the month, however, their comment was that there is “no report to bring back here” and asked if anyone had anything for them to carry back to the Sheriff. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley commented that he did not know officially but had heard that a car had been broken into. Mansfield resident, Mrs. Veronica Sandberg, commented that the Sheriff department has been to her house 2 times this week but all is fine and that they responded quickly. Another Mansfield resident, Mrs. Theresa Smallwood, also commented of a large white truck with 4 people riding in the bed of truck dangerously speeding down Hwy 213. Deputy Young asked if she called the Sheriff’s office. Discovering that she had not, Deputy Young encouraged everyone to make reports, give descriptions, etc. even if they feel it would be too late for them to be caught. These reports give them something to look for in the future. She said that all complaints are taken seriously.

At this time the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley opened the meeting up to Citizen’s Comments. Mrs. Brenda Campbell, residing at 3809 Hwy 213, began the comments by asking why new sidewalks were being constructed instead of repairing existing sidewalks. She also stated that her car is “bottoming-out” on the drainage ditch that crosses Ms. Betty Garrison’s driveway. Mrs. Campbell’s last question to Mayor and Council was, “What do people inside the City get that outside is not?”

Mr. Paul Campbell, residing at 3809 Hwy 213, was the next citizen to comment. He said, “all that she said (Brenda, his wife) and asked the Mayor and Council to come and look at Ms. Betty Garrison’s driveway after the meeting and try driving their cars over it. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer agreed to go.

Mansfield resident, Mrs. Veronica Sandberg of 2793 Hwy 213 asked if the sidewalks are going to cross her property. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley answered that they are stopping where they are.

Mrs. Vicki Cowan, owning the parcel of property at 2913 Hwy 11 but not residing there, addressed the Mayor and Council regarding the new garbage contract and fee. Mrs. Cowan asked how the City knew what to charge for the service and asked if there was a “kick back” to the City.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked if there were any other comments, with there being none, he thanked everyone for the comments already made and stated that all comments are welcome. He also commented that we are blessed to live in the rural part of the county.

Councilwoman Helen Robertson made the Motion to approved the July 2016 CM Minutes and councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second. All council voted “aye” approving the July 2016 CM Minutes. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley reminded everyone at this time that all Minutes are available at City Hall for review and a copy can be obtained as well.

The first Old Business item is the Sewer Smoke Test results. Upon initial review of the report, all repairs seem to be minor and ones that John Napoli and Sam Boswell should be able to do.

The last Old Business item is the adopting and signing the new Garbage Ordinance. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley indicated that the only changes made were to the Recycling section and the Yard Waste section. The changes made were the ones the council recommended. The Council took several minutes to review the new ordinance and Councilman Perry Lunsford commented that the changes were “what we talked about”. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn said, “make sure that John and Sam are very familiar with the new ordinance”. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked if there is a Motion to adopted the new Garbage Ordinance. Councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to adopt the new Garbage Ordinance and Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second. With no further discussion the vote tallied as follows: Councilwoman Helen Robertson voted “aye”, Councilwoman Lisa Dunn voted “aye”, Councilman Perry Lunsford voted “aye” and Mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer voted “nay”. With 3 “ayes” and 1 “nay” the Motion

passed and the new Garbage Ordinance was adopted. (Note – A copy of the ordinance is attached to these minutes.)

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley stated that the Garbage Contract with Burgess Hauling has been submitted for review and execution. City Administrator/Clerk, Ms. Jeana Hyde, will forward the contract to the Council for their review as well.

The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer made the Motion to set the suggested Rollback Millage Rate of 4.60 Mills for the 2016 property taxes. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second and all Council voted “aye”. The 4.60 Rollback Millage Rate was adopted and set.

The last New Business item is the engineering firm for the City Center Project. At this time the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley introduced Mr. Brian Frix, Frix Engineering LLC. He reminded the Council that they received a copy of Mr. Frix’s resume as well as a proposal for the project and asked if the Council had any questions for Mr. Frix. The Council did not have any questions. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked Mr. Frix if the proposal he submitted allowed the City to get bids. Mr. Frix answered by saying the proposal submitted is a civil site engineering drawing. It does allow bids for drainage, site/utility plan and grading. Mr. Frix suggested to Mayor and Council that they look over the City’s ordinances and then look to Newton County for compliance. He also stated that over a certain acreage may require a NPDES permit. This permit does not apply to 1 acre or less of land disturbance. He recommends the goal to be for less than an acre and believes this can be done. Mr. Frix added that there will be State and Federal guidelines to comply with as well. Changing his address to Mayor and Council to a more personal comment, Mr. Frix made the Council aware that he is a small business owner in Newton County.

At this time the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked the Council if there is anything they would like to bring up. With no one having anything at this time, he gave a 5-minute break to move into Executive Session regarding Legal & Land Matters.

Executive Session minutes are in a sealed envelope labeled “August 8, 2016 Executive Session Minutes” and stored in a pre-determined secured area at Mansfield City Hall.

Councilwoman Lisa Dunn made the Motion to leave Executive Session and enter into the regular Council Meeting. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer gave the Second. All council voted “aye” and the Executive Session ended.

Councilwoman Lisa Dunn expressed her desire to have the Noise Ordinance hours changed from 10pm – 10am on Saturday and Sunday.

The August 8, 2016 Council Meeting was adjourned.

Jefferson Riley, Mayor

Perry Lunsford, Post 1

Helen Robertson, Post 2

Christopher Fulmer, Mayor-Pro-Tem, Post 3

Lisa Dunn, Post 4

Post 5 - Vacant