

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, Scott Colyn and Fred Purvis

OTHERS: Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, Crystal Smallwood, Theresa Smallwood, Vicki Cowan, Scott Cowan, Mr. & Mrs. Chris Fulmer.

Mayor GW Davis Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. During the moment of reflection, Mayor Davis asked if anyone had anything to reflect on during the moment of reflection. The Carter family, the Smith family, the Luti family, and the city Council was mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis read the oath of office to Mr. Scott Colyn as he was sworn in as councilman for post five (4).

Mayor Davis called for the agenda adoption. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes for September 12, 2022. Northen made motion to accept the September 12, 2022, minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Northen stated he had met with a representative from Smith and Loveless along with several contractors to look at the sewer plant. The engineer at Turnipseed stated we may not have to go with the old equipment. At the time of the meeting the price had not been given therefore no action was taken. It was stated that a new plant would cost approximately 2.5 million and we would use the old plant until the new one was ready then the old plant would be decommissioned.

Mayor Davis stated he had spoken with a paving contractor regarding the asphalt in front of Beaver. He stated some site work needed to be done with the concrete before the asphalt paving. Several contractors were contacted with only one coming to the worksite and bidding on the job. The one contractor recommended a storm drain be put in for proper drainage instead of a pipe. Smallwood then asked if there were 3 bids. Mayor Davis stated at this time we only had one bid from Paul Ellard and Company for \$22,128. Smallwood made a motion to approve the site preparation bid from Paul Ellard and Company for \$22,128. Northen seconded. During discussion Northen stated that we were seeking 3 bids however only one was presented therefore we were within the charter. Smallwood stated we should at least pave to the alley and move the telephone pole that had been discussed. Northen stated the council has been told that the pole could be moved. Mayor Davis stated it was his recommendation to go with the current bid. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Davis also stated that he spoke with the manager at Beaver, and they will be moving the yellow poles closer to their building. At this time Mayor Davis ask for addendum to the agenda where the naming of the alley had been discussed in the work session. Northen made a motion to name the alley Beaver Street. Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion included would it show on the map, and this would be beneficial for trucks to exit or enter Beaver. No other discussion. Vote was unanimous.

The billing software we currently use is outdated and a new proposal was presented to the Council. Northen stated we have had several issues with our current billing system so the clerk and the assistant sought other companies and watched demonstrations. It was their recommendation to switch to El Dorado billing system. Northen stated he had called 3 other references, and no one had any issues at that time. Northen made a motion to switch to the El Dorado billing system for the quote presented \$2545. Scott Colyn seconded the motion. It was discussed to send a letter in the next bill explaining we were converting to a new system so if any problems arise to please contact City Hall. Vote was unanimous

New Business:

The GEFA loan modification was presented. This modification will freeze the loan until the next round of money is available. Northen made a motion to approve the loan modification. Fred Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

The MEAG authorization agreement was presented for approval. This authorization agreement designates MEAG as its agent to nominate and acquire any combination of resources to optimize their Supplemental Power Supply Requirements. Mayor Davis explained that we could not get a price on our energy and prices were going up with the power plants being taken off-line. Northen made motion to approve the agreement. Smallwood seconded. Discussion included: Northen stated Mansfield was not the only city being impacted with the plant in West Georgia closing. The Juliet plant was next on the list, and it is the largest power plant currently. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Davis also stated that Holly Bisig from MEAG visited the office to go over the next year budget. She stated with gas increase, energy increase and electricity increase our bill would be going up. MEAG is computing how much to cover their increase. Mayor Davis wanted Mansfield to know that the City would not be making any extra money that the adjustment would be only to cover the power increase. He stated he was meeting with Sarah Leonard the next day to discuss adding a power cost adjustment to the bill but at this time no action is taken. It will be discussed later.

Approval of the registration form for the City Center was emailed and presented to the council. Purvis made a motion to accept the registration form as presented. Colyn seconded the motion. Smallwood stated the hold harmless agreement would also be attached. Mayor Davis also stated the council has the right to waive the registration fee if needed at a council meeting an example included a church, or a benefit for a family or something similar. Vote was unanimous.

Underground electric fees were discussed and presented as cost recovery. Currently the city charges \$750 and was discovered over the last couple months some bills were more than \$2000 so the rate needed to be addressed. Northen made a motion to accept the underground electric fees as cost recovery. Smallwood second the motion. Mayor Davis then stated the contractor price would not have to be Council approval now that the customer would pay the fee upfront. Northen stated it would streamline the process and the customer would not have to wait until the next council meeting for approval. Vote was unanimous.

City Hall's current telephone agreement was due for renewal. It was discovered the phones were out of date. The company offered new phones with a new agreement for \$154.95 per month instead of the \$203.77 that we are currently paying. Northen made motion to except the new agreement. Purvis second the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis stated he had called Chester Clegg of Newton County regarding the paving of the cricket trail. Mr. Clegg stated it was structurally sound however it appeared to be a bad load of asphalt from the Oxford Plant. He asked if we would take \$10,000 off the invoice and in the spring, they will come back and resurface to correct the problem then we would pay the \$10,000 at completion. Purvis asked could we get this in writing. Colyn stated he had a couple of questions one being the price. The invoice was well over the initial cost presented. The second statement was he had someone look at the trail and stated it was not bad asphalt because if that was the case it would be bad on both sides. In his opinion it was equipment failure. He stated it was called asphalt spalling where it was chipping and breaking up. The council agreed that we wanted no ill will with the county. However, they did want the problem corrected. Purvis stated if we could get a contract agreement in writing stating they would come back in the spring for the same price. Smallwood stated the time frame needs to be in the agreement or be first on the list. The safety of the citizens was the

largest concern. Northen made a motion to pay \$56,642.02 upon receiving a written contract stating we would be first on the list for paving. The paving would be from Hardman St to the city at cost no greater than \$10,000. Purvis seconded. Smallwood asked was \$10,000 enough for them to come back. Also, what about the difference between the two sides paving? Where the new trail meets the old trail, it would have to taper. Vote was unanimous.

Northen made motion to accept the approval of the Over and Under bid for 586 Woodlawn for the installation of the security light for \$1520. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous. The underground electric at 280 5th Ave. was removed due to the underground fees being discussed prior and did not call for action from the Council.

Mayor Davis asked that the locator quote from Pipe Horn be tabled simply due to the change in personnel. The new superintendent might have a preference or know something better. Northen made motion to table the quote for the locator. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented the speed bump recommendation from the county. The county discourages speed bumps due to liability for the city. Mayor Davis spoke with a company that had recently installed city of Monroe. The speed bumps are more than \$10,000 each. Chester Clegg stated we could do a three-way stop as long as it was proper distance and had proper signage. The City of Mansfield will be open to liability if you do not go with the regulations in place. Mr. Clegg also suggested we could do a crosswalk with a stop for pedestrian sign. We had a person quote the project however as of the meeting the quote was not available. Smallwood made motion to table speed and safety until next meeting to obtain further requirements, recommendations, and quotes. Northen second the motion. Vote was unanimous.

The personnel requirement job posting was presented. It was agreed to not specify salary as this would be based on experience. The position will be posted on Facebook, the website and in the City Hall. It was recommended to accept applications through Friday, October 21. Northen made a motion to advertise the current job position on Facebook, the website, and within the City hall from October 11 to the 21st. Colyn seconded the motion. Ms. Smallwood stated it could be advertised on the GMA website, so it was discussed to advertise there as well and to have copies on hand. No other discussion. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Northen stated he had spoken with Stan Edwards, and he officially opposes the rezoning of the hundred acres on Highway 11. He will be seeking other commissioners to vote against the re-zoning.

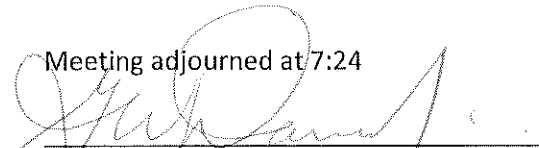
No other business to be discussed, Smallwood made motion to adjourn the meeting. Purvis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous to adjourn meeting at 8:37.

Mayor Davis reminded everyone that we would be having a small gathering from 12 to 1 on Friday for John Napoli as his last day.

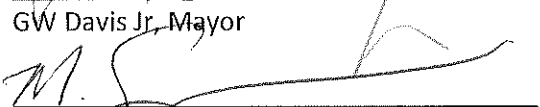
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Meeting adjourned at 7:24



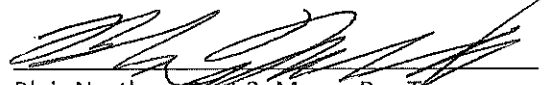
GW Davis Jr, Mayor



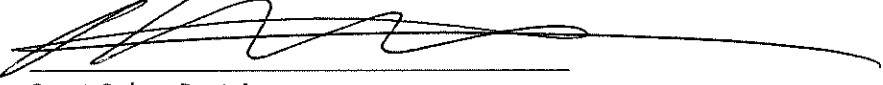
Marty Smallwood, Post 1



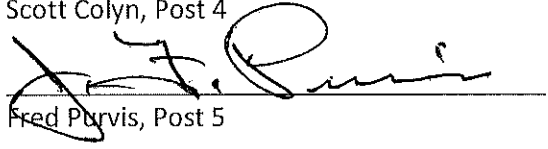
Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northern, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5