

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023 – 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, Mary Ann Davis, and Crystal Smallwood

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 Shockley Family, Parker Family, and Johnson family were mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis presented the agenda. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes from the July 10, 2023, meeting and the minutes from the Public Hearing June 5, 2023, that was overlooked last meeting. Northen made motion to accept both minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business: Mayor Davis presented the sign ordinance that was shared a couple months back. No discussion to change or add any additional information; it was recommended that it be approved with amendments by the City Attorney as needed. Mayor Davis stated any amendments would be brought back to the council. Northen made a motion to accept sign ordinance with amendments from the city attorney if necessary. Smallwood seconded the motion. Smallwood asked if any amendments are made to mark in red and send back to council. No further discussion, all in favor.

New Business:

The Glanton Cattle Company business license was presented. Mayor Davis stated all parties have done everything necessary to ensure proper parking. Business licenses are not conditional, so the application has to be approved or denied. His recommendation was to approve the business license. Northen made motion to approve. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor

The millage rate was presented as a .433 rollback during public hearing. City of Mansfield millage rate would be 2.591 which reflects the rollback from previous year millage rate of 3.024. Not all cities are taking the rollback, but the City of Mansfield will. Northen made a motion to accept the rollback of .433; millage rate of 2.591. Purvis seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

PCA adjustment on the power was presented for a decrease. Mayor explained the City had replenished the shortfall from the December bill. ECG suggested we could decrease the Residential/ SM Commercial to \$0.0178 and LG Commercial to \$0.0110. Mayor Davis explained the PCA would not go away, and he did have concerns with Plant Juliette being shut down. Solar power may be an option in the future. Northen made a motion to decrease the PCA as presented. Smallwood seconded. Northen stated it would be an approximate 50% reduction in the PCA. No further discussion. All in favor.

Code enforcement has been an issue with abandoned cars. The City has reached out multiple times with no effort from homeowner in moving any vehicles. Northen made a motion to contract with Bureau of Veritas to proceed with the violation. Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion included: how many letters have been mailed, have we done all we are supposed to do as a city, it appears to be a lot more than junked cars. No further discussion. All in favor.

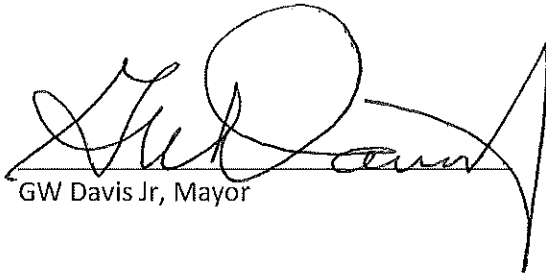
Three pole bids were presented for the Poplar St replacement. U-Tech presented the low bid however no materials were included. Helton electrical included the material with exception of the poles on their bid. After pricing the materials, Helton would be the lower bid. Northen made a motion to contract with Helton Electrical for \$6825.00. Purvis seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Surge protectors for homeowners was presented as an additional fee. We would follow protocol as City of Covington does and will offer the service for a monthly fee. Crystal Smallwood explained how the program would work and the benefit to the homeowner. Northen made a motion to offer the service for \$12.00 per month. Purvis seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented a possible desire for a special use permit in the CR zoning of Mansfield. Crystal Smallwood has been speaking with the City Attorney, Scott Cole on the proper procedures. This is for informational purposes only. After much discussion, it was decided to talk further with the attorney to be prepared in the event an application was presented.


No citizen comments.

No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43



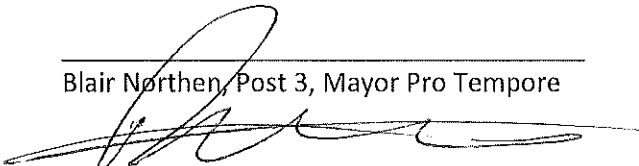
GW Davis Jr, Mayor

Marty Smallwood, Post 1




Helen Robertson, Post 2

Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5