

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, and Fred Purvis
ABSENT: Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Vicki & Scott Cowan, Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, 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. Scott Colyn and Ray Cason's family was mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis called for the agenda adoption with an addition of item "K" emergency tree removal. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as amended, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes for February 13, 2023. Northen made motion to accept the February 13, 2023, minutes as presented. Councilman Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Mayor Davis asked Ms. Smallwood to explain the process thru DOT. Ms. Smallwood stated the paperwork has been submitted to DOT for approval. Upon approval, DOT will purchase the sign and Mansfield will install and maintain the sign. No action taken.

New Business:

Mayor Davis explained she had received a complaint on inoperable vehicles in a particular yard. He sent a letter to the homeowner, and they contacted City Hall. They asked for an extension on getting them removed due to the length of time the vehicles had been there and the conflicting schedule. Mayor Davis extended the deadline until June 30, 2023.

Business license up for renewal: Lemont Vintage Homes. New Business: Turf & Tree Wizard. Northen made motion to accept as presented. Smallwood seconded motion. Discussion included: Is there a timeline as to when the licenses are due? How are they notified? No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis stated it was recently discovered on 2- different incidence that utilities were being stolen or meters were being tampered with. Attorney, Scott Cole created an ordinance adding tampering and theft of service fees. Northen made motion to approve the ordinance as presented, \$750.00 fine for any person caught tampering with meters or stealing utilities. Smallwood seconded motion. Discussion included: How will citizens be aware of ordinance other than Facebook? Mayor Davis will create a letter to go in each bill this month as well as the ordinance. It will be posted on website as well. All in favor

Mayor Davis advised the council that no one has contacted the City Hall about joining our sewer lines so as of now, the rule stands that you must be in the city to tie into the sewer lines. No action needed. All informative

Northen advised the council he is still looking for trucks and will continue. Purvis made motion to spend up to \$25,000 on truck. Smallwood seconded the motion. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the council with the additional \$2000.00 invoice for the audit. This amount is over and above the bid, but it included the RLGf form and the MEAG account. Purvis made motion to pay \$2000.00. Northen seconded. Discussion included the timeframe of the completion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis stated the Lead and Copper Rule Revision will have to be in place by October 16, 2024. City of Covington has already got an engineer in place. Ms. Smallwood visited with the engineers across the street, and they will be getting back with a price.

Mayor Davis presented council with the Newton County animal ordinance. The department had made a visit to the city hall in regard to a case in City of Covington. They are asking City of Mansfield to renounce the city ordinance and follow the county ordinance due to City of Mansfield not having a court. Northen made motion to table request until further information can be obtained. Smallwood seconded. Discussion included: Can we go back to ordinance if needed in future. All in favor

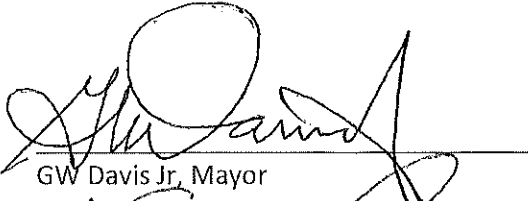
Mayor Davis advised the council of businesses encroaching on city property. It was brought to the mayor's attention that the city property needed to be secured due to liability reasons with the insurance. The council requests pins marked and possibly securing with a fence. Pricing will be brought back before the council later. In the meantime, the mayor will write a letter to the business/businesses asking them to move any property not belonging to the city off city premises. No action taken.

Mayor Davis also made the council aware of graffiti in City Center and trails. He asked about cameras downtown. Northen stated he would contact Paladin and see what they could offer. No action taken.

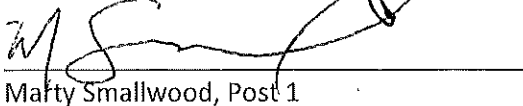
Mayor Davis was contacted at approximately 4:45pm about a dangerous tree situation across from 114 Loyd Rd. (3rd house on right). Other bids are being sought however 1 (Foxworth Tree Service) was presented prior to meeting at \$1800.00 and could schedule to remove on Tuesday. Northen asked for other bids due to past experience with Foxworth Tree Service. Northen made motion to proceed with tree removal not to exceed \$1800.00. Smallwood seconded. No other discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on non-agenda items.

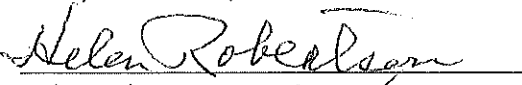
No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm



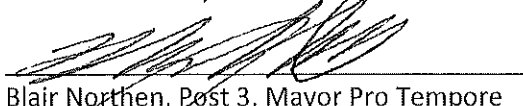
GW Davis Jr, Mayor



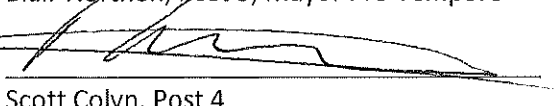
Marty Smallwood, Post 1



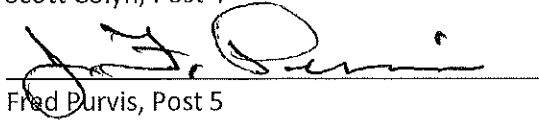
Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5