

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 12, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: Blair Northen, Helen Robertson, Marty Smallwood, Fred Purvis and Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Walter Tuggle, Theresa Smallwood, Ricky Bruce, Elsie Smith, Martisha Boyd, Vicki & Scott Cowan, Monica & Chris Davis, Brandon Hays and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor Northen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Pro Tem, Fred Purvis gave the invocation. Mayor Northen then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Northen presented the agenda. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the minutes from the January 8, 2024, meeting. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business:

Mayor Northen explained to the council he had been in direct communication with Scottie Croy, Public Works Supervisor regarding the break room build out in the city barn. It was suggested that all work be done in house except for the a/c unit. Estimated cost would be \$3000.00. Purvis moved to make a motion to approve \$3000.00 for the completion of the break room excluding the A/C unit. Councilman Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the No parking ordinance on Hwy 11. He explained he has spoken with all business owners, and all agreed except one. Purvis moved to make a motion to adopt a No parking ordinance extending east and west from Hwy 213 south to Kellogg Ave with exception of 1 residential parking located at 2991 Hwy 11 (Soda Pop). Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion included placement of signs. No further. All in favor

New Business:

Mayor Northen advised there was a public hearing by Planning & Zoning at 6:30 this date. A public hearing was held for the 2 parcels on Sewell Rd recently annexed into the city to be zoned to match our zoning. Currently it is county agriculture. With no opposition it was recommended by the planning and zoning committee to accept the new zoning for 2 tracts to city agriculture. Purvis moved to make a motion to approve the zoning as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen thanked the poll workers that have stated they will work the election. He stated the 2 office personnel will have a small amount of overtime but suggested we pay the poll workers \$17 per hour during the election. Purvis moved to make a motion to pay poll workers at a rate of \$17 per hour. Smallwood seconded the motion. Smallwood

asked where the figures came from. Mayor stated he had emailed the council members comparisons from neighboring cities. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented a proclamation making February 24, 2024, Arbor Day in Mansfield. Purvis moved to make a motion adopting the proclamation. Smallwood seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented 3 bids for removing trees where the sewer plant will be built. Trees will be cut and left on the property. Mark Day tree service is recommended with a bid of \$5500.00. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the bid as presented. Smallwood seconded. Smallwood stated Mark Day has done a lot of work for the city and they have been pleased. All in favor.

Mayor Northen advised the council of the two (2) citizens requesting to tie on to the sewer. After reviewing all files in the office, the sewer line was installed there as a grant for customers to get onto the sewer. If you didn't elect to get on at that time, there was a fee of \$200.00 for a tap. Both customers have said they paid the tap fee at the time but did not tie on due to the cost involved for the service line on the customers' side. After 35+ years the cost has increased significantly. We have 2 bids thus far and we are waiting on a material list to secure the bid. It is recommended this project to be cost recovery minus the \$200 tap fee that was paid years ago. Purvis moved to make a motion if the residents wanted the sewer line and tap that it be cost recovery. Smallwood seconded the motion. Smallwood stated we should have a contract with residents before work begins. Crystal Smallwood asked for clarification of motion. Purvis stated it would be cost recovery minus the \$200 fee paid several years ago. All in favor

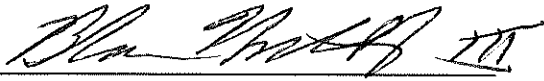
Mayor Northen presented the new sign request from Mansfield Marketplace. Since the work session, Mr. Bruce has decided on a sign that was not electronic other than the gas prices. Mayor Northen asked Mr. Bruce if he would speak to the council about the sign. Mr. Bruce addressed the council stating after the work session and conversations with Purvis, he had decided to go with a sign that is identical to the sign across the street except for gas prices being illuminated. The lights will be brighter during daylight hours and will be slightly dim at night. It will not interfere with drivers. He stated he is purchasing 400sq ft from the current property owner, the electric connection to the sign to be installed will be cost recovery. The sign will adhere to all current setbacks and will not impose any hazard to the safety of drivers or pedestrians. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the sign as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor

Mayor Northen presented the new lease agreement for the Ricoh printer in the office. The new lease monthly cost will decrease from \$93.25 to \$89.05; B&W click rates lowered from \$0.007 to \$0.006, Color click rates reduced from \$0.005 to \$0.004. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the lease as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen advised the council and citizens due to the election at City Hall on March 12, 2024, the regular council meeting will be moved to the fellowship hall of the Mansfield Methodist Church at 7pm. It has been advertised on our website and sent to the newspaper. No action needed.

No citizen comments.

No further business to discuss. Smallwood moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:36. Colyn seconded the motion. All in favor.



Blair H Northen, III, Mayor



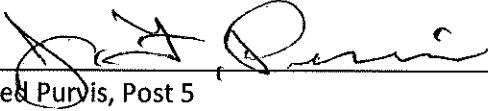
Marty Smallwood, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5