

City of Mansfield

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Mansfield Community Center
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PRESENT: Jefferson Riley, Lisa Dunn, Perry Lunsford, Chris Fulmer

ABSENT: Helen Robertson, Post #5 (Vacant)

The honorable-mayor Jefferson R. Riley welcomed everyone and said a beautiful prayer for our City and citizens and asked for direction for himself and council in the decisions they need to make regarding both.

Deputy Bower from the Newton County Sheriff's Office was in attendance and ready to give the Mansfield Report. She began by saying that she had been out for a few days but there is nothing major to report. Deputy Bower indicated that last week she made a few traffic stops on Highway 11 and Highway 142 but only gave warnings. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley told Deputy Bower that the City sincerely appreciates her attendance to our Council meetings. Deputy Bower responded by telling everyone that tonight's meeting will be her last meeting and that she has been transferred to Patrol. She urged everyone to continue to call on her, saying that she would help if she could. The mayor and council and everyone present said "thank you" and Deputy Bower left.

At this time the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley officially called the meeting to order but having already welcomed everyone, done the invocation and the pledge, and heard the Newton County Sheriff's Office Mansfield Report, he began the meeting by asking for a Motion to amend tonight's Agenda to begin with Announcements. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer made the Motion to revise the Agenda to begin with Announcements. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second and all voted "aye". The Motion passed.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley announced that Electric Cities of Georgia is creating a map of the City's Electrical Distribution Services. He shared that his only concern with the preliminary map was the City Limit lines on the map. He also announced the attendance of Mr. Jesse Head representing Nathan Bradley, who is running for District 1 Commissioner.

At this time the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley opened the meeting up to Citizen's Comments. Mr. Jesse Head did not have a comment but asked how often the Nonie Needham Nature Trail is used? The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley graciously answered his question saying that it is used quite a bit. He also shared that Mr. Claude Morgan, who resides at 3433 Hwy 11, donated a picnic table for the park.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for a Motion for the Approval of the April 2016 Council Meeting Minutes and Councilwoman Lisa Dunn made the Motion. Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the Second and everyone voted "aye", passing the Motion.

The next item on the Agenda for council to consider is the Insulator Repair for the bucket truck the City uses to repair down or damaged electric lines. The repair to be made by Terex is approximately \$2,500. Councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to make this repair and Mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer gave the Second. The following discussion took place; Mr. John Napoli, the City's Public Works supervisor, indicated that the \$2,500 estimate was for parts only and did not include labor. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked John to call the Terex repairman to get a more accurate figure. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer made a Motion to table the Insulator Repair for a few minutes while John made the call. Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the Second and all voted "aye". The Motion to table the Insulator Repair issue for a few minutes Passed.

The next item on the Agenda is to allocate the remaining 2005 SPLOST dollars for sidewalk replacement. This is approximately \$45,967. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer made the Motion to allocate the remaining 2005 SPLOST funds of approximately \$45,967 for sidewalk replacement projects by obtaining 3 bids from a very specific written description of the project and giving notification to all council members. Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the Second. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley began the discussion by reminding everyone that the cost of the sidewalk replacement that was made along Hwy 11 at the old Baptist and Methodist Church cost the City approximately \$38,000. He suggested the sidewalk around the Harris building be repaired this time. Councilman Perry Lunsford interjected that repairs are critical and that there are several bad spots along the Hwy 213 East sidewalks. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley agreed and added that he would like to see the sidewalk on Hwy 213 East that ends at the Sandberg residence be connected to the Nonie Needham Nature Trail. He also indicated that the Pine Street sidewalks have several bad spots as well as some steps that lead to nowhere that are very dangerous and need to be removed. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley reminded council that no work would be done without 3 bids and notification to all council members.

The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer added the importance of the contractors receiving the same, very specific description of the work to be done. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn said she was “good with it”. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked council who would like to work on this issue with him. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer also said that he would not feel comfortable being involved in any decisions regarding Pine St because he lives on Pine St. Councilman Perry Lunsford said he would work with Jeff on this. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for a vote on the Motion and everyone voted “aye”. Councilwoman Helen Robertson voted by proxy – attached. The Motion passed.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley opened the tabled item and the original Motion made by Councilman Perry Lunsford for discussion. Mr. John Napoli returned but was unable to get ahold of the Terex repairman. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley emphasized the importance of the insulator repair by saying the bucket truck is completely down and that our contractors use our truck to keep costs to the City down and that if something were to happen we would not have the equipment available. He also said we know the repair needs to be done and we know that Terex is the only one that can do the repair. Councilman Perry Lunsford then amended his original Motion to repair the insulator on the bucket truck for up to \$3,500. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer gave the Second and everyone voted “aye”. Councilwoman Helen Robertson voted by proxy – attached. The amended Motion passed.

The 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