

City of Mansfield

MINUTES

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.
Mansfield Community Center
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PRESENT: Jefferson Riley, Chris Fulmer, Perry Lunsford, Lisa Dunn, Helen Robertson, Bryan Hale

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. There were several people from the community in attendance. He then said the invocation and lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the second. All council present voted “aye” and the Motion to approve the Agenda as presented passed.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley began by announcing that Georgia EPD has declared a Level 1 Drought for 53 Georgia counties and this includes Newton County. He then read the letter, attached to these minutes, regarding this declaration. His next announcement was regarding the filming of Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Twentieth Century Fox. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley informed everyone that traffic will be re-routed away from the Mansfield Convenience Shop located at 3210 Hwy 11 for a couple of hours on Tuesday, September 27th.

The Newton County Sheriff's Office report for Mansfield was the next item on the agenda. Deputies Cox and Young were present to give the report, however Deputy Cox voiced that there was nothing to report at this time. They encouraged everyone present to give details, a lot of details, call and call again and stay on the phone until they see a deputy. Both deputies Cox and Young said how a call is classified is all in the wording. They also asked everyone to be mindful that they are limited on what they can communicate to the City during these meetings.

At this time, the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley announced that Mr. Christopher Bryan Hale qualified as the City's new Post 5 Councilman. Mr. Hale is a lifelong resident of Mansfield who resides at 68 Railroad Ave. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley swore in Mr. Hale to Councilman Post 5 by enforcing the Oath of Office. Mr. Hale used councilwoman Helen Robertson's Holy Bible.

Councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to approve the August 2016 Council Meeting Minutes and councilwoman Helen Robertson gave the Second. All council present voted “aye” and the Motion to approve the August 2016 Council Meeting Minutes was approved.

New Business items a. and b. were considered together for a Motion. There were 5 qualified bids received for paving the City’s right-of-way section on First Avenue along the Harris building. They were as follows: Designed Installations \$16,495.00, Southland Paving Co LLC \$18,200.00, A&C Southern Enterprise LLC \$19,577.00, Cecil Key Paving Inc \$26,786.70, and MHB Paving Inc \$44,790.80. In addition, there were 3 qualified bids for the Center Line and Edge Line Striping of Hwy 213 w/2 Crosswalks at the Hwy 11 intersection. They were as follows: Designed Installations \$5,450.00, A&C Southern Enterprise LLC \$8,229.00, and Cecil Key Paving Inc \$8,985.00. After a brief discussion, councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to accept both bids from Designed Installations as qualified low bidder. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer gave the Second. Having no further discussion, all council present voted “aye”. The Motion to award both projects to Designed Installations passed.

The next New Business item were letters addressed to the City from Mr. Wayne Blackwell, owner of Blackwell’s Grocery located at 2 Railroad Avenue and Mr. Ken Anderson, owner of Rooster’s Drive Inn Ltd located at 3069 Hwy 11. These letters are attached to these Minutes. The letters were passed to the Mayor and Council to read. Both letters asked the Council to consider allowing the sale of beer and wine by the drink and package sales within the City limits of Mansfield.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley reminded everyone that a Beer & Wine Ordinance can be adopted without a referendum by Council. He also indicated that the draft Beer & Wine Ordinance for consideration on this agenda is very close to our neighboring Town of Newborn. He then asked the Council if they had read the draft Ordinance. Councilman Perry Lunsford responded that he had read the Ordinance and responded that it was very comprehensive. He considered it a good draft. The honorable-mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer responded that he had not read all the ordinance at this time but what he had read so far was also quite comprehensive. Councilman Perry Lunsford made the Motion to adopt the proposed draft Beer & Wine Ordinance and Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for further discussion. Councilman Perry Lunsford said the Ordinance included a lot of protections for the City. Councilwoman Helen Robertson stated that she hoped the citizens could have voted for the ordinance.

With no further discussion, the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for a vote on the Motion to adopt the proposed draft Beer & Wine Ordinance. Councilman Bryan Hale, Councilman Perry Lunsford and Councilwoman Lisa Dunn voted “aye”. Councilwoman Helen Robertson and Mayor-pro-tem Chris Fulmer voted “nay”. With ‘Majority Rule’ the Motion to adopt the Beer & Wine Ordinance passed.

Councilwoman Lisa Dunn asked when the new Ordinance would be affective to which the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley answered 45 – 60 days.

Completing the Agenda, 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

Bryan Hale, Post 5