

# City of Mansfield

## AGENDA

City Council Meeting Agenda  
December 11, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mansfield Community Center  
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- I. Call to Order: *Mayor Jefferson Riley*
- II. Agenda Approval:
- III. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:
- IV. Mayor's Welcome and Comments: *Mayor Jefferson Riley*
  - a. The City has started the FEMA reimbursement process related to Hurricane Irma
- V. Newton County Sheriff's Office: *Community Update*
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
  - a. November 13, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes – C Fulmer motioned to approve, L Dunn gave the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Motion to approve passed 4/0
- VII. New Business:
  - a. Approval for the City to partner with Newton Trails to apply for a grant to pave Cricket Frog Trail – Resolution #12112017R – C Fulmer made the Motion, H Robertson gave the Second, C Fulmer and H Robertson voted 'aye', B Hale and L Dunn voted 'no', with absence of P Lunsford Mayor J Riley voted 'aye' to break the tie vote, Motion passed 3/2
  - b. Council to develop policy to record meetings – C Fulmer made the Motion, B Hale gave the Second, Motion passed 4/0
- VIII. Adjournment:

**Note – Immediately following adjournment of meeting, the new Council Members will be sworn in.**

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## MINUTES

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Present: Jefferson Riley, Bryan Hale, Lisa Dunn, Chris Fulmer, Helen Robertson

Absent: Perry Lunsford

Others Present: Scott Cole, Cathy Farmer, Ashlan Troutman, Adam Webb, Bret Dunn, Callie Middlebrooks, Senator Rick Jeffares, Representative Brian Strickland, Commissioner Stan Edwards, Todd Teasley, Russel Towns, Charles Berry, Commission Chairman Marcello Banes, Melvin Everson, Robert Aiken, Jesse Head, Dustin Shaw, Blair Northen, Wayne Blackwell, Marty and Theresa Smallwood, Austin Mitchell, Mike Evans, Vicki and Scott Cowan, Johnny Roquemore, Leon and Sarae Walton, Brian Cason, Lawrence Patrick, Larry Jackson, Jackie Dunn, Bridgette Barlow, Jackie Gutknecht, Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, Paul Campbell, Ken Anderson, Sheila Massey, Andrew Massey and several more.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. He immediately asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Chris Fulmer made a Motion to approve the agenda with a revision to add New Business: Item b. Council to develop a policy to record Council Meetings. Councilman Bryan Hale gave the Second. All Council present voted 'aye'. The Motion Passed 4/0.

Councilman Chris Fulmer gave a beautiful invocation and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. With that, the honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley welcomed everyone present to Mansfield, "the greatest small city, east of Atlanta". He also added that tonight's meeting will be a farewell to 2 councilmembers, Ms. Lisa Dunn and Mr. Chris Fulmer, and a welcome of 2 new councilmembers, Miss Ashlan Troutman and Mr. Bret Dunn, both of whom will be sworn in after the meeting tonight. An additional announcement that the City has started the FEMA reimbursement process related to Hurricane Irma followed.

Newton County Deputy Edwards had nothing to report for Mansfield this month.

Councilman Chris Fulmer made a Motion to approve the November 13, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn gave the Second. All Council present voted 'aye'. The Motion Passed 4/0.

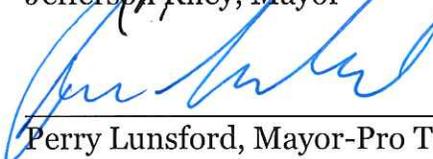
Councilman Chris Fulmer made a Motion to approve for the City to partner with Newton Trails to apply for a grant to pave Cricket Frog Trail – Resolution #12112017R. Councilwoman Helen Robertson gave the Second. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley explained that Mr. Greg Richardson of Newton Trails was present during the last Work Session to explain the grant process and how it works. The grant is a reimbursement grant and has a two-year term from the date of the project agreement. The City would agree and is required to match 20% of the overall projects costs. Mr. Richardson also indicated that Newton Trails is committed to helping the City raise the match amount as to cost the City as little as possible when the project is complete. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley also explained that the City is not committed to the project even if the grant is approved. Councilwoman Lisa Dunn stated that she understood it would not look good if the City was approved and turned the grant down but that she is against any City dollars going towards the trail. Councilman Chris Fulmer commented that it was an excellent opportunity for the City. He felt it was a very safe move with no risk involved and felt that there was nothing but an upside. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for a vote on the Motion. Councilwoman Helen Robertson and Councilman Chris Fulmer voted ‘aye’. Councilman Bryan Hale and Councilwoman Lisa Dunn voted ‘no’. With the absence of Mayor-pro Tem Perry Lunsford the tie vote goes to the Mayor, who voted ‘aye’. The Motion Passed 3/2, with the Mayor casting the deciding vote.

Councilman Chris Fulmer made a Motion for the Council to develop a policy to record the meetings. Councilman Bryan Hale gave the Second. With no discussion. All Council present voted ‘aye’. The Motion Passed 4/0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

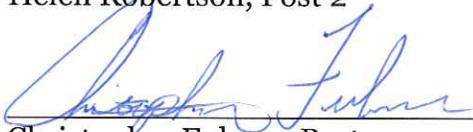
Mr. Bret Dunn and Miss Ashlan Troutman took the Oath of Office as new Council Members.

  
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Jefferson Riley, Mayor

  
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Perry Lunsford, Mayor-Pro Tem, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Christopher Fulmer, Post 3



Lisa Dunn, Post 4

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Bryan Hale, Post 5

**RESOLUTION # 12112017R**

**A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A PORTION OF THE CRICKET FROG RECREATIONAL TRAIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Recreational Trails Grant program ("Program") administered by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources ("Department") is available to provide assistance in the form of grants to the City of Mansfield to pave all or a portion of the "Cricket Frog Trail" from Highway 11 East to the City of Newborn ("Project").

**WHEREAS**, if selected, participation in the Program by Mansfield would require Mansfield to (1) administer the grant, (2) pay for completion of the Project before seeking reimbursement, 80% of eligible costs, from the Program. Mansfield would be responsible for the funds not reimbursed by the Program ("Matching Funds").

**WHEREAS**, the Project can be competed in one or more sections administered independently.

**WHEREAS**, Newton County Trail - Path Foundation, Inc. ("Newton Trails") is a 501(c)(3) non-profit incorporated to promote and develop a county-wide network of multi-use trails for pedestrians and bicyclists in Newton County, Georgia, and partners with local governments by raising private funds for trail planning, construction, and maintenance.

**WHEREAS**, Newton Trails has agreed to partner with Mansfield to assist Mansfield in raising the Matching Funds from private donations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Mansfield City Council believe the Project is in the best interest of the health and welfare of the citizens of Mansfield,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS DECLARED BY THE MAYOR AND MANSFIELD CITY COUNCIL AS FOLLOWS:**

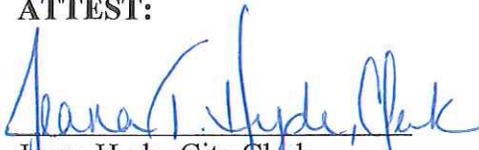
1. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to take any and all actions necessary to apply to the Department for participation in the Program to complete the Project.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to take any and all action necessary to partner with Newton Trails to raise the Matching Funds.

Date

**ADOPTED** by the Mansfield City Council, this 11th day of December 2017.

  
Jefferson Riley, Mayor  
City of Mansfield, Georgia

**ATTEST:**

  
Jeana Hyde, City Clerk  
City of Mansfield, Georgia

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
Scott Cole, City Attorney  
City of Mansfield, Georgia

