

City of Mansfield

AGENDA

City Council Meeting Agenda
September 9, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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- I. Call to Order:
- II. Agenda Approval:
- III. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:
- IV. Citizen's Comments on Agenda: *Limited to Agenda Items only for 5 minutes each*
- V. Newton County Sheriff Report: *Deputy Michael Gregg*
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. August 12, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Approve the Rollback Millage Rate of 3.908 for 2019 Property Tax
 - b. *Steve Black Variance*
- VIII. Citizen's Comments on Non-Agenda Items: *Limited to 5 minutes each*
- IX. Adjournment:

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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Perry Lunsford, Bryan Hale, Austin Mitchell, Helen Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Kory Wilson, Elsie Smith, Eli Kelly, Ashley Hollingsworth, Mary Ann Davis, Walter Tuggle, Willie Belcher, Jeff Riley, Matt Clark, Kyle Griffith

The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and shared an amendment to the agenda, adding VII. New Business Item b. Steve Black Variance. Mayor pro tempore Perry Lunsford made the motion to approve the agenda as amended and Councilman Bryan Hale gave the second. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr Walter Tuggle, 111 Fifth Avenue, gave the invocation and Mayor Davis lead the pledge.

There were no citizen's comments on agenda items.

Councilman Austin Mitchell made the motion to approve the August 12 2019 Council Meeting Minutes and Councilman Blair Northen gave the second. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Councilman Austin Mitchell made the motion to approve the 2019 Property Tax gross millage rate at 4.157% with rollback of 0.249% for a net millage rate of 3.908% and mayor pro tempore Perry Lunsford gave the second. Mayor GW Davis Jr explained that the county prepares the assessments and each city within the county sets their millage rate, if the assessment increases this can cause a property tax increase unless the cities approve the rollback rate. He further explained that this council does not want to raise property taxes. The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr also shared the millage rates of other cities in the county; Oxford's gross rate is 6.22% they are not taking the rollback, Covington's gross rate is 7.64% and they are taking the rollback to 7.413%, and Porterdale's rate is 13.8% increasing by 2%. He commented that our tax revenue is not a big revenue-stream for the city, but it is essential. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.


The honorable mayor pro tempore Perry Lunsford made the motion to approve a variance for Mr Steve Black to allow him to temporarily park a motor home for up to 6 months on his building site beginning September 11, 2019. Both councilman Helen Robertson and Bryan Hale gave a second. Councilman Blair Northen said he talked to the surrounding neighbors of Mr Black's property and they were fine. The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr said he recommended to approve the variance with the stipulation of 6 months. He also stated that Mr Black had done everything the City asked him to do such as get a building permit and submit plans. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Newton County Deputy Edwards introduced Deputy Tim Smith as a new 4-member partner to alternate with herself, Deputy Young, and Deputy Gregg in attending the City's Council Meetings. Deputy Edwards commented that they are patrolling in marked and unmarked cars so do not worry if we don't see a patrol car. She also stated that the new precinct will have a Sergeant, a Deputy, a Corporal, and a Clerk.


Jefferson Riley, 401 Sewell Rd, commented that the City's Charter or Ordinances says the city must provide a retirement program for city employees. He wanted to make sure one was put into place for them and wondered if they should be compensated back to the time they started working for the city.

Mayor pro tempore Perry Lunsford made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Bryan Hale gave the second. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.



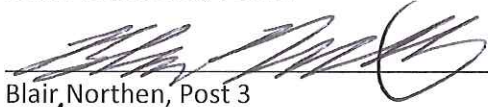
GW Davis Jr, Mayor



Perry Lunsford, Post 1



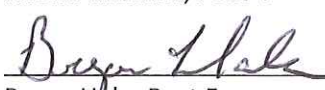
Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3



Austin Mitchell, Post 4



Bryan Hale, Post 5