

City of Mansfield

AGENDA

City Council Meeting Agenda
June 14, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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- I. Call to Order: 7:00PM
- II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance: Mr Walter Tuggle
- III. Agenda Adoption: 4/0
- IV. Citizen's Comments on Agenda: *Limited to Agenda Items only for 5 minutes each* None
- V. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. May 17, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes 4/0
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Sub-Station sell to MEAG 3 Aye, 1 Abstain, 1 Absent
 - b. Sewer Plant Rehabilitation No Action
 - c. Use Georgia Public Web for City Hall WiFi 4/0
- VII. Citizen's Comments on Non-Agenda Items: *Limited to 5 minutes each* One
- VIII. Adjournment: 7:47PM

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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Helen Robertson, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Austin Mitchell

ABSENT: Bryan Hale (Left early with family emergency, was present for Public Hearing on Budget)

OTHERS PRESENT: Mary Ann Davis, Ashley Kelly, Ashlan Webb, Chris Fulmer, Vicki & Scott Cowan, Walter Tuggle, Noelle Pritchard, Jefferson Riley

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr called the meeting to order at 7PM and asked for everyone to remember Mr Ed Needham's family for his loss, to pray for the impact the pandemic has had on everyone and to pray for your fellow neighbors. He then asked for requests from the attendees. Mr Walter Tuggle asked everyone to remember his wife's family, her brother passed away.

Mr Walter Tuggle gave the invocation and Mayor Davis led the pledge of allegiance.

The agenda was revised to include item IIIb. Newton County Sheriff Report for Mansfield.

Councilman Austin Mitchell made the motion to adopt the agenda as revised and Councilman Marty Smallwood gave the second. All Council present voted 'aye'. The motion passed 4/0.

Newton County Sheriff Deputy Tim Smith thanked everyone for letting them get through the pandemic by not attending the council meetings but was glad to be in attendance. He said there was nothing to report, however, there has been a slight increase in the patrol of this area, including the Town of Newborn. Mayor Davis said thank you for the extra patrol and informed Deputy Smith of the report of a homeless person sleeping in the downtown area or nearby woods and asked if there is a remedy for this. Deputy Smith told about a program called Deputies Who Care and also provided his cell phone number, that is available at all times.

There were no citizen's comments on agenda items.

Councilman Austin Mitchell made the motion to approve the May 17 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes and Councilman Helen Robertson gave the second. All Council present voted 'aye'. The Motion passed 4/0.

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr asked for a Motion and a Second before beginning discussion to sell the City's low side of the sub-station to MEAG. Councilman Austin Mitchell made the Motion to sell the low side of the sub-station to MEAG and Councilman Blair Northen gave the second. With this, the

honorable Mayor explained his recommendation for selling the low side to MEAG saying the city entered discussions with MEAG to find out our obligations and their obligations, etc. The city does not even own the property the low side sits on and after lengthy talks with neighboring municipalities, MEAG and their engineers and weighing all possibilities *and* experiencing *another* power outage, the best way to serve Mansfield's infrastructure needs is to update the sub-station. By selling the low side to MEAG there will be less down time and we will have a modernized station. There will be a feeder fee to the city of less than \$700/month. There will be no increase in electric rates related to this transaction, there will not be an increase in property taxes, the city will have a new sub-station and we will get training. Councilman Blair Northen added, a city the size of Mansfield cannot maintain the sub-station, this transaction will change our down times from 8 hours to 4 seconds, MEAG will update every single component. Mayor Davis said there will be no interruption of service during the update. Anything outside of the sub-station is still the City's responsibility and at the City's expense, commented Councilman Northen. Councilman Marty Smallwood wanted to take a few minutes to express disappointment in not receiving the necessary information to make an informed vote regarding the sale of the city's low side of the sub-station. He shared that although nothing he has heard has been negative, he has not seen the Bill of Sale, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, or the questions from the city's attorney, etc. Councilman Smallwood said he did not feel informed enough to make the decision tonight and for that reason he asked to abstain from voting. With no further discussion, the honorable mayor asked for the vote on the motion to sell the city's low side of the sub station to MEAG. The vote was 3 'aye' (Northen, Robertson and Mitchell), 1 abstain (Smallwood). Councilman Bryan Hale was absent for the vote.

Councilman Blair Northen gave a report on the meeting with the Tnemec representative, Pat Murphy, and Greg Ashworth of Turnipseed Engineers regarding the new coating for the treatment plant. Mr Murphy suggested a 30mil thick coating and also a UV coating for the exposed areas. He reported that they visited the City of Covington's plant where the same coating has been used but the tanks were full. Councilman Northen said no decision on the plant needed to be made tonight, which gives us time to hear back from Mr Ashworth, who is going to get more information from Covington on the tanks condition since the new coating was done. However, a decision does need to be made in July. Councilman Austin Mitchell asked what the life expectancy of the coating is and Councilman Blair Northen answered 40 years.


Upon reviewing the quote from Georgia Public Web (GPW) for WiFi at City Hall there was a question by Councilman Austin Mitchell about a possible typographical error in the quote that needs to be verified. Mayor GW Davis Jr reminded everyone that this is not a critical decision that must be made tonight. Councilman Blair Northen made the motion to Table the issue for clarification and Councilman Austin Mitchell gave the Second. All Council present voted 'aye'. The Motion passed 4/0.

Ms Noelle Pritchard, 625 Dukes Rd, made several comments and offered several ideas regarding ideas for City events. One event, in particular, would be a weekend long celebration of Mansfield, including a barn dance. Ms Pritchard said she has 12 people who want to help and asked how can she make this official. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr commented on the perfect timing of this since the City is in

the process of developing a policy for use of the City Center. He asked Ms Pritchard to develop and write down her plan and suggested that maybe both will be complete at the same time.

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr offered a note of thanks to everyone's attendance and a note of thanks to the Council for their participation in the decisions for the City and reminded everyone that the councils concerns are not indifferent to their concerns. He said they take their job serious and serve the best they can.


The meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.




GW Davis Jr, Mayor




Marty Smallwood, Post 1




Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore



Austin Mitchell, Post 4



Bryan Hale, Post 5