

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, and Fred Purvis
ABSENT: Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Elsie Smith, Crystal Smallwood, Vicki Cowan, Scott Cowan, and David Nadell.

Mayor GW Davis Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. During the moment of reflection, Mayor Davis asked if anyone had anything to reflect on during the moment of reflection. Scott Colyn's Family, Fred Purvis Family, Brooklyn Dalton family and Becky Pace family. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis called for the agenda adoption. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes for November 14, 2022. Two typographical errors were corrected. Northen made motion to accept the November 14, 2022, minutes as presented. Councilman Purvis seconded. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Mayor Davis advised everyone he executed the purchase of the tank. Jamelle Cherry with GEFA made a site visit a couple weeks prior. She states everything looked great and approved the sole source quote which means it allows the City to purchase the S&L equipment without having to go through the advertisement and bid process for the equipment. Smallwood asked if the lead time was still a year. Currently, they are still expecting 43 weeks for delivery. Mayor Davis he wasn't not sure about the loan forgiveness as was discussed earlier.

Mayor Davis presented the bids for the flashing speed signs that was discussed in work session. Northen made a motion to purchase the All Traffic all aluminum signs quoted for \$7430.00. Smallwood Seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Mayor Davis presented the LOST resolution. City of Mansfield came in better at .83% instead of the .49% based on population proposal. Northen made motion to adopt the resolution. Purvis seconded the motion. Mayor Davis stated this did not go into mediation as the City of Covington and Newton County worked an agreement beforehand. No other discussion. Vote was unanimous

Mayor Davis stated the LMIG grant was due in February. The streets discussed for paving would be Poplar St, Oak St and Cypress St. Poplar St will be the most expensive and may not be the street to get fixed right away. Northen asked would the county help due to the school. It is not likely per Mayor Davis. Northen also stated Railroad is not paved but the residents do not want it paved. No other discussion.

Mayor Davis stated he had been in contact with the Community Center committee regarding the security system. They are planning on using the same company we used and wanted to tie into our system due to no WIFI and it would save money to the committee. It is Mayor Davis recommendation to allow this. Smallwood stated he is ok with it if it has no impact on the operation of the system at City Hall or any liability. Mayor Davis stated some type of vandalism had occurred previously. After discussion of our system and capabilities, Northen made a motion to allow the Community House Committee to install cameras and use City Hall System for the storage if there is no financial impact or liability on the City Hall. Smallwood seconded. Cote was unanimous

Alcohol License renewals for 2023 are as follows: Ms. Sally's, Roosters and Mansfield Marketplace. Northen made a motion to accept alcohol consumption license on premise for Ms. Sally's and Roosters. Alcohol retail license for Mansfield Marketplace. Purvis seconded. Vote was 3-1 with Robertson abstaining.

Smallwood made motion to accept the 2023 work session/council meeting dates as presented. Purvis seconded. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented the 2023 City Hall holiday schedule. Mayor Davis recommends the 1 holiday added to be Veterans Day. We will not be mirroring any city and we are still 1 day less, but after talking with employees, the floating schedule doesn't seem to work therefore Veteran's Day was a recommendation. Northen made a motion to add Veteran's Day. Purvis seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented the current group plan and the percentages the city pays. It was compared to other cities nearby and statewide. Mayor Davis suggested the city pay 100% or at least 90%. Smallwood stated he wasn't prepared to decide as this was not on the work session agenda. Purvis asked if it could be discussed in executive session. Mayor Davis stated it would be appropriate in executive session as they would understand why this was being done. Northen made a motion to item until after executive session. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Northen gave update on the 3rd annual Christmas Celebration on December 17 from 4pm – 7pm. He will be on site around 1pm and could start setting up around 2pm. Mansfield Baptist will provide music. The Super Seniors will be caroling, Santa, Cookie Decorating, Petting Zoo, and Hayride. Carols will begin around 5.

City Hall has been approached about possibly purchasing half of a leaf blower. The leaf blower would be housed in the city barn and to be used for city streets and trail. The other half would be owned by Newton Trails for the use of blowing the trails up to Dixie. Mayor Davis stated the city owns a Billy Goat blower but not sure if it is operable. If this can be fixed, this is the cheapest way. If not, a new one needs to be purchased. Ms. Smallwood contacted Social Circle Ace and can purchase a push type that can be modified to attached to a golf cart for \$1949.00. We can request a government bid and receive 15% off. After discussion, Smallwood stated he was not interested in half ownership; it leaves the barn accessible to others. Northen stated it was too much of a liability; the old one needs to be looked at and modified to golf cart. Northen made a motion to deny the request of half ownership of leaf blower. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Northen made a motion to enter executive session at 8:10. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

The Council ended executive session at 8:45pm.

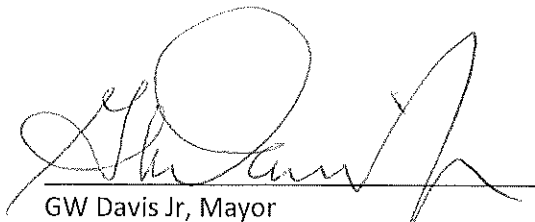
Northen made a motion to extend all Full-time employees with a minimum of 5-year experience to 2 weeks' vacation. Purvis seconded. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Northen made a motion to pay 90% of Full-time employee insurance. Purvis seconded. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Purvis made a motion to offer the person discussed in executive session a job at City of Mansfield at rate discussed in executive session. Northen seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

No other business to be discussed, Northen made motion to adjourn meeting. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.


Meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm



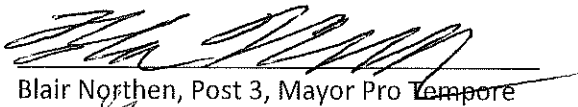
GW Davis Jr, Mayor



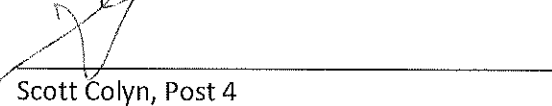
Marty Smallwood, Post 1



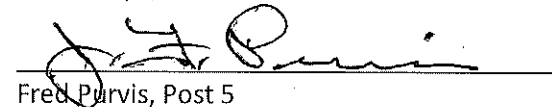
Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5