

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

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November 14, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, Scott Colyn and Fred Purvis

OTHERS: Walter Tuggle, Crystal Smallwood, Vicki Cowan, Scott Cowan, and Greg Ashworth.

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. Mansfield Baptist Church and the congregation was mentioned. 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 October 10, 2022. Northen made motion to accept the October 10, 2022, minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mayor Davis presented the Special Called Meeting minutes. Northen made motion to accept the October 10, 2022, minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Mayor Davis introduced Greg Ashworth with Turnipseed engineers and stated Northen had been talking with him at great depth about the Sewer Plant rehab. Northen stated they were able to obtain a price for a new tank that was reasonable. The price is not complete and could use the equipment in place now on the new tank. The price did not include shipping or installation/site work. He then gave the floor to Mr. Ashworth to explain. Mr. Ashworth stated there were (2) two options that the City could go with the super plant rehab the first one they had talked about where local contractors could come bid on pieces of the project. Smith and Loveless came out along with several welders to look at the plant. Smith and Loveless recommended one of two things, the first would be to replace the top 3 foot of the tank, this would be approximately \$500,000 and life expectancy would be approximately 10 years. Turnipseed does not recommend this option. The second option would be going with a new tank that is above ground so that you would be able to see problems before it happened. This does not include blowers, electrical, laying the slab, or any site work preparation. You can then use the existing plant as a temporary plant to save money until this plan plant was operable. The cost of the tank without shipping would be \$710,000. The quote is good for 30 days and we have approximately 23 days left to decide. The remaining equipment to bid for the install would be an additional \$800,000, so roughly 1.5 million. The engineer agreement stated Turnipseed would charge 8.7% fee. We currently have an invoice for a little over \$19,000 for services to date. Mr. Ashworth has presented it as a credit towards the design of a new plant and this has been approved as of today. Councilman Smallwood asked would this be shipped in pieces. Mayor Davis asked if the welding would be subcontracted out, Turnipseed stated we did not have to use their contractors to bid. There is a \$50,000 charge to the budget for inspection over time of the project. Smallwood wanted to make sure Smith and Loveless were available to make sure it is put together properly, and if Turnipseed would be on site. He thought someone with experience should be there. Mr. Ashworth assured someone from Smith and Loveless would make periodic visits and Turnipseed would as well. Councilman Colyn stated he wanted to be part of the project due to his

knowledge and background of the plumbing industry. Smallwood then ask about the loan that we currently have, would we have to apply again. Mr. Ashworth stated we would ask for an increase of the existing loan. The existing loan is .13% interest anything over the amount we currently have would be 1.92% interest. Northern stated that they do not need to decide tonight however Mayor Davis stated the approval of the tank and moving forward needed to be done. Smallwood asked the timeframe until the finished product. Mr. Ashworth stated it would be 40 to 50 weeks. Smallwood asked when it was up and run in what would we do with the existing plant, would it be a backup? Mr. Ashworth stated it would have to be decommissioned due to the permit and the EPA, but it's a possibility you could use some of it. Mayor Davis 's recommendation was to move forward with the approval of purchasing the tank. Smallwood made a motion to accept option two which would be to purchase the tank and subcontract the site work and use our current equipment. Northern second the motion. No further discussion, all in favor.

Mayor Davis advised the council the contractor was back on site working the project going on in front of beaver. Safety and signage have been discussed; however, we are working with the Georgia DOT on proper signage and placement and will report back later. Ms. Smallwood advised she had been working with someone that is willing to help get proper signage.

New Business:

ARPA funds were discussed, Mayor Davis asked Ms. Smallwood to present the projects that we had discussed. One would be the paving/drainage issue/concrete sidewalk in front of Beaver. An estimate was presented for \$83,537.32. Turnipseed had presented an invoice for \$19,496.70 for services to date of the sewer plant rehab. It was also discussed the two flashing speed signs on Highway 213. The cost of two signs would be \$6690 with a \$225 per sign installation. The total for all projects is \$110,174.00. Mr. Ashworth stated we needed to check and make sure we could use ARPA funds for the mentioned projects. Ms. Smallwood stated she had checked, and she would double check for clarification. Councilman Smallwood made a motion to accept the projects as presented depending on the outcome of the questions asked for the funds approval. Northern seconded the motion. Flashing sign placement on Highway 213 was discussed in the area of Nonie Needham Park. No other discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis asked for an authorization of the previously approved site work that has already started for \$202,128 to be taken from the ARPA funds as well. Northern made a motion to pay the previous amount of \$22,128 from the ARPA funds. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented a quote for the underground for 4/0 triplex wire 1000' roll for \$4850.00. Northern made motion to accept wire quote as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion was if one roll was enough. Colyn suggested purchasing two rolls if the price was still the same. Northern amended the motion to accept the wire quote as presented and to order two rolls if the price was still the same. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

Business license approval was presented for Ruff House Pet Boutique located at 6 Railroad St. Northern made motion to accept the business license. Councilman Purvis seconded the motion. Smallwood stated with one condition, a written plan needed to be presented regarding the animals utilizing the city center. Smallwood stated she needed to know city center was off-limits. No other discussion. All in favor.

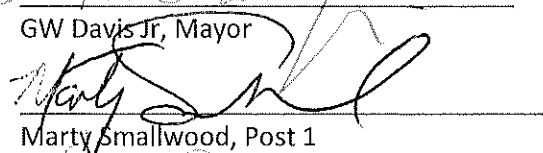
Mayor Davis stated the incorrect names for Pine Street/Ed Needham seems to be an issue over the last couple of months. It was brought to our attention the previous Council that voted to rename the street did not properly record with the county. Mayor Davis 's recommendation was to name the portion of the street from Highway 213 to the alley beside the water tank, Ed Needham Dr. with this change Pine Street would need to be renamed N. Pine and S. Pine. After much discussion it was decided to rename the alleys as a street as well. In hopes that this would correct Google and possibly the county could help us. Northern made a motion to rename the portion of Pine Street from Highway 213 to the alley at the water tower Ed Needham Drive. In addition, the alley behind the businesses on Railroad Street would then be referred to as Blackwell Street. The alley behind the businesses on first Avenue would be named Beaver Street. The portion of the street from Blackwell Street to Highway 11 would be S Pine Street. The portion of the street from Highway 213 to fifth Avenue would be N. Pine St. Smallwood seconded the motion. No other discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on non-agenda items.

No other business to be discussed meeting was adjourned at 8:01



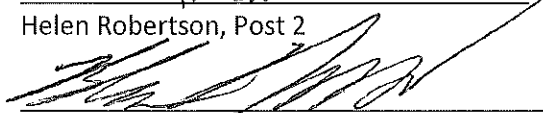
GW Davis Jr, Mayor



Marty Smallwood, Post 1

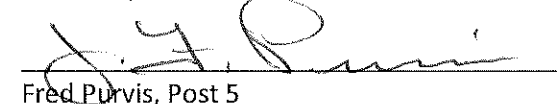


Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore

Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5