City of Mansfield Council Meeting Minutes

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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Helen Robertson, Marty Smallwood, and Fred Purvis Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Ricky Bruce, Mary Ann Davis, Elsie Smith, Blair Northen, Walter Tuggle, Scott Cowan, Theresa Smallwood, Martisha Boyd, several friends and family of Blair Northen and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor GW Davis Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Davis asked if anyone had anything to reflect on during the moment of reflection then asked for moment of silence. Afterwards, Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis presented the agenda. Councilman, Fred Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the minutes from the November 13, 2023, meeting. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business: None

New Business:

Mayor Davis stated he and a few council members had attended the University of Georgia Archway Partnership community wide listening sessions recently at Eastside High School. He encouraged everyone that could not attend to fill out the survey and the link can be found on our website. Mayor opened the floor for comments from the ones who attended. Theresa Smallwood strongly encouraged everyone to submit the survey. She stated is was about 5 questions and would be a very quick survey, approximately 200 people have submitted thus far.

Mayor Davis presented the proposal to install a new water tap on Marks Rd. Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept the request. Purvis asked Smallwood to revise the motion to include not to exceed the \$1500.00 charge presented. Smallwood corrected the motion to accept proposal not to exceed \$1500.00. Purvis seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor presented the request for annexation of the Pelley lots on Sewell Rd. 2.98 acres will be annexed next to the current 2 acres giving 2 lots of 2.64 acres. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the request of annexation. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented alcohol licenses for 4 businesses: Mansfield Marketplace, Mansfield Shell, Ms. Sally's and Roosters. Purvis moved to approve all 4 licenses. Smallwood seconded the motion. Vote 3/1 with Helen Robertson voting no.

Mayor Davis advised the LMIG grant was up due for the next year. It would be a continuing grant for paving of roads that were listed in 2023. Purvis moved to make a motion to apply for the grant. Smallwood seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented WaterFirst renewal application form Newton County. To continue qualifying for WaterFirst incentives, communities must be recertified every five years. Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept the application as presented. Robertson seconded. All in favor.

Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept 2024 Work Session and Council meetings as presented. Councilman Colyn, seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept the 2024 holiday as presented. Robertson seconded the motion. Smallwood advised there was no changes in the holiday schedule from 2023. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented 3 legal service proposals that had come into the office. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept Joe Reitman from Madison Ga as the city attorney. Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion included both new attorneys were contacted and after speaking with both it was decided all three were good proposals, but Reitman did not charge a retainer fee but was a little more per hour. Reitman also had a working relationship with our new Code Enforcement, and this would be great for the city. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Pro Tem Purvis presented Mayor Davis with a token of appreciation and thanked him for his years of service to the citizens of Mansfield.

No citizen comments.

Mayor advised we would have an organizational afterwards to swear in the newly elected Mayor and 2 council members.

No further business to discuss. Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm

GW Davis Jr, Mayor

Marty Smallwood, Post 1

Helen Robertson, Post 2

Scott Colyn, Post 4

Fred Purvis, Post 5