City of Mansfield Council Meeting Minutes

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

Absent: Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Mary Ann Davis, Elsie Smith, Blair Northen, Stephen Dirkes, 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 Blair Northen to open in prayer. 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 October 9, 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 presented a movie permit submitted by Stephen Dirkes. He explained this came in since the work session and originally had a November date which was the urgency to have on agenda this date. Since that time, the date has changed until December, but Mr. Dirkes was in attendance tonight to answer any questions. He then asked Mr. Dirkes to explain the movie. The movie is being filmed at Rooster's mainly on the inside. He explained there would be no disruption to everyday business, He has spoken with several landowners to accommodate the catering and parking. The movie is a small independent film with a small budget, maybe 40-50 people. There will be no noise ordinance violation or disruption in traffic flow. After discussion, Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the permit as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the use of City Center request application. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the request. Smallwood seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor presented the proposal from GeoSystems Engineering for the subsurface exploration and geotechnical evaluation of the water pollution control plant site. He then asked Blair Northen to explain the need for this extra expense. Mr. Northen explained after meeting with engineers it was suggested for this soil sample to make sure the ground could support the tank. Discussion included the timing of this expense; why wasn't this thought about when the project began. It was also discussed this was the second incident where they show up unannounced on scheduled off days or weekends. Some council members believe this process is not well thought out and maybe we need to talk to an engineer within the company that has more experience. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Northen to follow up with the engineers and report

back to the council. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the bid as presented and to not exceed \$10,200 for the scope of work. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

Mayor Davis asked the council to come to an agreement on the paving invoice that was presented at the last meeting. Purvis stated after much discussion it was determined it was not the City's fault for the error, but the city did benefit from the mistake and the paving was a good job. Purvis made a motion to pay Paul Ellard & Co \$15,000.00. Smallwood seconded the motion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented a low bid for the concrete for the flashing lights and the repair of the sidewalk on Hwy 213. Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept a bid from Greg Carter for \$4150.00. Councilman Robertson seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Mayor did advise the council of a meeting with the Plant manager at Beaver requesting a sidewalk on the next budget.

Mayor Davis presented the ECG Year end settlement. Purvis moved to make a motion to distribute funds as a credit on the 2024 bill. Smallwood seconded. All in favor.

Citizen comments came from Blair Northen in reference to the sidewalks at Beaver. He stated in the past Beaver didn't want new sidewalks due to the forklift being able to go in the building with no problems. He also stated it would be costly due to the road being torn up like the Harris Building on Hwy 11.

No further business to discuss. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43pm

GW Davis Jr, Mayor

Marty Smallwood, Post 1

Helen Robertson, Post 2

Scott Colyn, Post 4

red Purvis, Post 5