

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

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June 10, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
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PRESENT: Blair Northen, Helen Robertson, Brandon Hays, Fred Purvis and Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Elsie Smith, and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor Northen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Pro Tem, Fred Purvis gave the invocation. Mayor Northen then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Northen presented the agenda. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Scott Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented 3 sets of minutes and asked for a motion as individual minutes. Councilman Brandon Hays moved to a motion to accept May 13, 2024, minutes. Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Hays moved to a motion to accept May 30, 2024, special called meeting minutes. Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in favor. Colyn moved to make a motion to accept June 3, 2024, public hearing minutes. Councilman Helen Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Northen presented the variance request from Chris Fulmer, 150 Pine St Mansfield. The variance is requesting a bathroom addition to the home. A letter of support was given by the neighbor, so it is the mayor's recommendation to accept the request. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the variance as presented. Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented an invoice from the former City attorney. Scott Cole sent over work he had done for us and had agreed to a lesser amount of \$2000.00. Purvis moved to make a motion to pay the negotiated price of \$2000.00. Colyn seconded the motion. Colyn asked if this would be the last bill. Mayor stated this would be the last invoice paid to the firm. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the engineering quote done by Carter and Sloop regarding the sidewalk at Beaver Manufacturing. After discussion, it was decided to table it until further information could be obtained.

Mayor Northen read the current qualifications for a job opening of the Public Works Supervisor and presented the application that was used last time. Colyn moved to make a motion to place application and job description on the website. Hays seconded. Purvis asked again if qualifications were listed on the ad. No further discussion. All in favor

Mayor Northen advised the council of a volunteer that has been taking care of the Mansfield portion of the trail and has placed art in several locations. Mayor Northen spoke with Duane Ford and the trail does have a liability policy in place and has stated he would like art in other areas. The volunteer would rather stay within the city limits of Mansfield. Mayor stated it is nice sculptures and would not have sharp edges or anything that someone could intentionally get hurt on. Hays moved to make a motion to allow the art along the trail in the city limits of Mansfield. Colyn seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the 2024 millage rate and advised the council in years past they have always taken the rollback. He is recommending this year to do the same. If you raise the millage rate, more meetings and paperwork will be needed. The current millage rate is 2.591 and the roll back rate would be 2.476. Purvis moved to make a motion to take the rollback for 2024 with the millage rate being 2.476. Colyn seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the 2024-2025 FY working budget. Since the public hearing a rate increase for JET utilities has been presented with a significant increase. Mayor Northen called around and received 2 other prices that far exceeded the increase request and stated Mansfield was fortunate to have JET utilities as it seems we should already have had an increase, but we have not. The second increase was \$5000.00 to the line-item building repairs the City Hall exterior to be repainted. All other budget line items will remain the same. SPLOST money will be used for the sewer plant project. Purvis moved to make the motion to accept the 2024-2025 FY Budget. Hays seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor

No citizen comments. Mayor Northen did advise the city hall kitchen area would be completed in the next couple weeks.

No further business to discuss. Colyn moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:28. Purvis seconded the motion. All in favor.



Blair H Northen, III, Mayor



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Brandon Hays, Post 3

Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5