

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2025 – 7:00 p.m.
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PRESENT: Blair Northen, Mayor Pro Tem, Fred Purvis, Helen Robertson, Brandon Hays

OTHERS: Vicki & Scott Cowan, Elsie Smith, M Boyd, A Boyd, Walter Tuggle, Jennifer Parker, Tamara Carter, Terri Honeycutt, Bobby Johnson, Stacy George, Larry Jackson, Rhonda Watson, Tim Smith and Brittany Ring

ABSENT: Scott Colyn

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

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

Mayor Northen presented minutes from the regular meeting, January 13th, 2025. Hays moved to a motion to accept the minutes for January 13th, 2025, and Purvis seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Citizen comments on agenda items.

Bobby Jonson- 151 Poplar Street, Mansfield GA commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information.

Asiah Boyd- 19 Third Ave, Mansfield GA commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information.

Martisha Boyd- 19 Third Ave, Mansfield GA commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information.

Terry Honeycutt- 22 Ivy Street, Mansfield GA commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information

Tamara Carter- Address not given, commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information.

Stacy George- 151 Poplar Street, Mansfield Ga commented on Item D- Emergency Procedures/Information

Old business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Northen gave an update on The Sewer Treatment Plant contract, final signatures Monday February 17th at 2 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Northen gave an update on House Bill 581 (HB581) no action taken. Limits increase on Property Tax.

Mayor Northen presented the social media Policy- A document has been prepared that all city employees will be signing and agreeing to NOT post or comment on any City related business.

Mayor Northen presented the Emergency Procedures and Information- We are looking into a mass alert system Call/Email/Text system that will send a text, call or email to anyone who signs up, so as soon as anything occurs, we can get the correct information out to the residents faster and accurately. Also, Newton County has started a camera registry program, cameras will be going up on telephone poles within the next week on the City Limits.

Mayor Northen presented Downtown Parking and Congestion with more business and more residents, we are looking into more parking, possibly the lot diagonal from Roosters. 2 acre lot. We are also looking into a green space, parking area, behind the depot, next to the trail with public restrooms.

Mayor Northen presented the NO parking on Main Street, goes along with Downtown Parking and congestion, ordinance passed last year with NO parking on Hwy 11 from County Road 213 down to Kellogg. Once DOT is complete with signs and markings, the sheriff's office will implement no parking.

Mayor Northen presented the Spectrum investment; they are working on the second half of Mansfield they are replacing about 4 poles and should be complete with almost all residents in Mansfield being able to have an internet option.

Citizen Comments:

Tim Smith- Newton Country Sheriff's office.

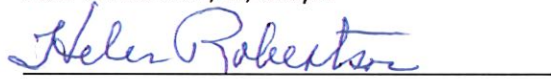
In terms of the Beaver Park incident, it is under investigation. He has taken notes of tonight's meeting and will be reporting back to NCSO, with the notes and citizen questions.

Jennifer Parker- 6th Ave- City Police? Cost vs Sheriff's Office? How to get this on the agenda.

No further business to discuss. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Purvis moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:42. Hays seconded the motion. All in favor.



Blair H Northen, III, Mayor



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Brandon Hays, Post 3



Fred Purvis, Post 5