

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

March 10th, 2025– 7:00 p.m.
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PRESENT: Blair Northen, Mayor Pro Tem, Fred Purvis, Helen Robertson, Brandon Hays, and Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Vicki & Scott Cowan, Serigo Mayorga, Gabriel Mayorga, Kharmin Beam, Tim Smith and Brittany Ring

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. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis moved to make a motion to move topic A to topic J, and accept the agenda as amended, Councilman Hays 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 February 10th, 2025, and Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business:

None

New Business:

Mayor Northen Introduced Kharmin Bean and Rob Fowler with Main Street Properties Land & Properties interested and purchasing the Depot.

Mayor Northen gave an update on the installment of cameras around the city. We have 4 cameras facing North, East, South, and West at Hwy 11 and 213. Also putting cameras up soon at Swell Road and Hwy 213, also Beaver Park. Mansfield Marketplace, Ricky Bruce has also tied in all his cameras in with Newton County.

Mayor Northen presented Arbor Day proclamation for March 15, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the proclamation as stated. Councilman Hays seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented Property Tax, Milage Rate Rollback from old rate 2.476 to the new 2.164. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis made a motion to roll back to the milage rate from 2.476 to 2.164, Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the Election, Vacancy in Post 1 and general election for Post 3,4 and 5 in November. The election date is November 4th, 2025. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis made a motion to combine the two elections, special election Post 1 and general election Post 3,4, and 5 together and be held on November 4th, 2025. Councilman Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in Favor.

Mayor Northen presented the Sign Request for Mansfield Methodist Church, 3X5 sign. Councilman Hays moved to make a motion to approve the sign placement at Mansfield Methodist Church at the corner of Oak and 3rd. Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the tree removal on the right of way, 3 quotes on the removal and stum griding, the lowest bid being Turf and Tree Wizards at \$2250, the other two coming in at \$2850 and \$3350. Colyn moved to make a motion to approve the tree removal at 92 Pine at the bid of \$2250. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. All in Favor. 3-1 with Councilman Hays not voting for conflict of interest.

Mayor Northen gave an update on Newton County Water Resources, Newton County Water Authority are building a 180-million-dollar facility at Lake Varner off Alcovy, shutting down the William Street plant, and need to raise rates at least 0.30 cents this year and 0.30 cents next year. Rates would increase starting this July 2025.

Mayor Northen presented the Sewer Treatment Plant Funding, Mayor Pro Tem Purvis moved to make a motion to self-fund the balance needed for the Sewer Plant for 727,000 and not to take a loan. Councilman Hays seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the pump station motor, one of the motors is going out, one of the very first ones purchased, we would get the motor from Smith and Loveless price listed is \$6387.00. Mayor Pro Tem Purvis moved to make a motion to approve the purchase of the motor for \$6387.00. Councilman Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the renewal of Roosters occupational license and the new license for Main Street Spice. Hays moved to make a motion to approve the occupational license renewal for Roosters. Councilman Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor. Tabled Main Street Spice.

Citizen Comments:

3749 Hwy 213: Limb over the home at the corner of Oak and Hwy 213.

No further business to discuss. Mayor Pro Tem Fred Purvis moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:40. Hays seconded the motion. All in favor.



Blair H Northen, III, Mayor



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Brandon Hays, Post 3



Fred Purvis, Post 5



Scott Colyn, Post 4