

City of Mansfield

AGENDA

City Council Meeting Agenda
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Mansfield Community House
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- I. Call to Order: *Mayor Jefferson Riley*
- II. Agenda Approval:
- III. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:
- IV. Newton County Sheriff's Office: *Community Update*
- V. Mayor's Welcome and Comments: *Mayor Jefferson Riley*
 - a. Mansfield/Newborn Police Car has been lettered by Newborn
 - b. The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be held on Saturday, November 24th beginning at 6:00pm – An alternate location will be determined if needed due to the construction of the City Center project
 - c. Tim Thompson will make a Sewer Treatment Plant presentation during the October 4th Work Session
- VI. Citizen's Comments on Agenda: *Limited to Agenda Items only for 5 minutes each*
- VII. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. July 9, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - a. Approve the signing of the Newton Trails/Mansfield Revised Sublease of Cricket Frog Trail and Lease Fee Schedule covering a 33 years period
 - b. Approve to Accept the Roll Back Mill Rate of 4.157 for the 2018 Property Tax Digest
 - c. Award Pine St Fire Hydrant relocates to lowest, qualified contractor – Stokes Construction Company i/a/o \$5,300.
 - d. Award Hwy 213 Pump Station Culvert Repair to lowest, qualified contractor – Stokes Construction Company i/a/o \$10,945.
- IX. Adjournment:

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PRESENT: Jefferson Riley, Perry Lunsford, Ashlan Troutman, Bryan Hale, Helen Robertson, Bret Dunn

OTHERS PRESENT: Adam Webb, Cathy Farmer, Walter Tuggle, Jaqueline Spears, Brandon Hays, Willie Belcher, Paul & Brenda Campbell, Elsie Smith, Vicki & Greg Cowan, Deborah Riley, Blair Northen

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. He immediately asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Councilman Ashlan Troutman made the motion to approve the agenda and Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the second. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

The honorable-mayor pro tempore Bret Dunn gave a heartfelt invocation and lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moving quickly, Newton County Sheriff Deputy Michael Gregg was present to give the Community Update. Deputy Gregg shared that he has only been with the Sheriff's Office for 2 weeks and is still getting used to how things work in Newton County. He also stated that there was nothing to report for our community, no bad crimes and only a couple of family disturbances. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley said he had heard that the new cell phone law has decreased accidents by 30% since it has come into effect on July 1, 2018.

The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley welcomed everyone to the meeting and made the agenda comments. He also added that things have been quiet around Mansfield and that there is a more neighborly attitude around the City. The mayor shared again about the bush hog being in the repair shop at Hays Tractor for almost 3 months, as well as the old lawn mower having to be repaired several times in a row. This has caused a catch-22, he said, with the rain causing soft ground, then sun helping the grass grow more, and then rain again, with no time in between to mow. He said that John and Sam are trying to get the grass situation straightened out and it will happen fairly-quickly when all the equipment is repaired. The honorable-mayor also pointed out that the Town of Newborn put reflective lettering on the Mansfield-Newborn Police Car and that both cities are going to continue to pursue establishing law enforcement.

Mr. Blair Northen, 3800 Hwy 213, commented that it is disconcerting to him that the City was having to spend \$5,000 additional and has not even broke ground on the City Center project. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley replied to Mr. Northen that the hydrant relocations have nothing to do with the project and have to do with accommodating the large trucks having to turn onto the City's narrow roads without knocking over the fire hydrants, which has happened many times. Mr. Northen apologized and sat down. There were no more citizen comments made.

Councilman Helen Robertson made the motion to approve the July 9, 2018 Council Meeting Minutes and the honorable-mayor pro tempore Bret Dunn gave the second. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Councilman Perry Lunsford made the motion to approve signing the Newton Trails/Mansfield revised sublease of Cricket Frog Trail and lease fee schedule covering a 33-year period. Councilman Bryan Hale gave the second. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Councilman Perry Lunsford made the motion to accept the roll back mill rate of 4.157 for the 2018 property tax digest. Mayor-pro Tempore Bret Dunn gave the second. There was discussion from Councilman Ashlan Troutman on the prudence of the financial decision to take the rollback rate, especially with the attempt to establish a joint-police with the Town of Newborn. Councilman Troutman pointed out that the average increase, without taking the rollback rate, on a \$200 property tax bill would be \$5.40. Mayor-pro Tempore Bret Dunn agreed that the City does want an increase in services but stated the City needs a larger tax base instead. Councilman Perry Lunsford commented the need for the planning retreat and stated that the property tax collected now will not even pay for one police officer. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley commented that the Council will consider the mill rate again one year from now. He hopes that the downtown will have businesses by then and the discussion will be different. The honorable-mayor Jefferson Riley asked for a vote on the motion. The motion passed 4/1 with Councilman Ashlan Troutman being the only 'no' vote.

Mayor pro Tempore Bret Dunn made the motion to award the Pine Street fire hydrant relocations to Stokes Construction Company for the bid i/a/o \$5,300. Councilman Perry Lunsford gave the second and added the purpose of relocating the fire hydrants was so the Beaver trucks would not keep knocking them over. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor pro Tempore Bret Dunn made the motion to table item VIII. d. and then withdrew his motion. Councilman Bryan Hale made a motion to award the culvert repair and mayor pro tempore Bret Dunn gave the second. After a brief discussion, Councilman Bryan Hale withdrew his motion and Councilman Ashlan Troutman made the motion to approve awarding the repair of the Hwy 213 Pump Station Culvert, not to exceed \$10,945, pending review of subsequent bids received by an executive committee consisting of Councilman Hale, Mayor pro Tempore Dunn, Mayor Jefferson Riley and the City Administrator Jeana Hyde. Councilman Bryan Hale gave the second. There was discussion about Hall's Trenching, the contractor who initially repaired the Sewell Road Culvert and his need to be the one to fix the problem, however, he is very ill and unable to do it. It was also determined that the City would not solicit anymore bids from this contractor. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Councilman Bryan Hale talked briefly about sidewalks being repaired on Hwy 213.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.



Jefferson Riley, Mayor



Perry Lunsford, Post 1




Helen Robertson, Post 2

Ashlan Troutman, Post 3



Bret Dunn, Post 4, Mayor-pro Tempore



Bryan Hale, Post 5