

City of Mansfield

AGENDA

City Council Meeting Agenda
June 10, 2019 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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- I. Call to Order:
- II. Agenda Approval:
- III. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance:
- IV. Citizen's Comments on Agenda: *Limited to Agenda Items only for 5 minutes each*
- V. Newton County Sheriff Report: *Deputy Michael Gregg*
- VI. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. May 13, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes
- VII. New Business:
 - a. Approve hiring a part-time person to help with mowing during the month of July – Tabled from May meeting
 - b. Approve Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with Newton County as part of the Service Delivery Strategy. This includes Animal Control, Building Inspections, Court Services, Elections, Fire Services, Planning & Zoning, Jail, Law Enforcement, Keep Covington-Newton Beautiful, Tax Collection, and Right of Way Maintenance. This does NOT INCLUDE the Consecutive Water Agreement at this time.
 - c. Approve to surplus un-needed/un-used equipment
 - d. Approve the Service Delivery Extension with County
- VIII. FY 2019-2020 Budget Public Hearing
- IX. Adjournment:

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MINUTES

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PRESENT: Perry Lunsford, GW Davis Jr, Austin Mitchell, Bryan Hale, Blair Northen, Helen Robertson

OTHERS PRESENT: Walter Tuggle, Willie Belcher, Mary Ann Davis, John Napoli, Kory Wilson, Miranda Hale, Ashley Hollingsworth, Caitlin Jett (Covington News), Geb and April Beasley, Paul and Brenda Campbell, Matt Clark, Elsie Smith, Marty and Theresa Smallwood, Vicki and Gregg Cowan, Newton County Sheriff Ezel Brown

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM.

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr welcomed everyone to the meeting and encouraged everyone to hold him accountable for his actions and in return he will hold them accountable as well.

Councilman Blair Northen made a revision to the agenda to add VII. New Business Item e. Approve to change the contract of the City Center project from asphalt paving to concrete. Councilman Bryan Hale made the motion to approve the agenda as revised. Councilman Austin Mitchell gave the second. All council present voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Willie Belcher gave a beautiful invocation and the honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Mr. Marty Smallwood, 4000 Hwy 213, thanked Mayor Davis for stepping into the position and expressed hope that he would run for the full term in November. His next comment was about the new hair salon (Shoppe on West) and that they are parking along the right of way on Hwy 11 beside their building. Noting he realized it will be a non-issue when the City Center project is finished but as for now it is the same cars everyday blocking the fire hydrant and the mailbox. It also limits the view of traffic when trying to pull out onto Hwy 11 from W First Ave causing a severe safety hazard. There is plenty of parking across the street at the Mural Building, Mr. Smallwood also noted. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr said he would go talk to them and commented that there have been several complaints regarding the issue.

Newton County Sheriff Ezel Brown was present to give the Mansfield crime report stating that there was nothing to report. He encouraged everyone that if they 'see something, say something'. He also commented that "there are more eyes and ears present in this meeting than are on his force tonight". The Sheriff warned that residents of the county are being plagued by scams, all sorts of scams and he cautioned everyone to be leery of phone calls from the IRS, anyone saying they won money, have a fine or warrant for their arrest and can settle it over the phone, have outstanding parking tickets from years

ago, or have relatives in jail that need help posting bail. Be very cautious and report them if possible. Sheriff Brown gave a brief update on the new precinct opening up in Mansfield to serve the Town of Newborn and City of Mansfield communities. The hours of operation are still being determined. A grand opening is being planned but he would like for it to be after the City Center project is finished.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford made the motion to hire a part time labor person to help during the month of July. Councilman Helen Robertson gave the second. Councilman Blair Northen wanted details on the position. The honorable mayor GW Davis Jr replied less than 30 hours per week at \$10 per hour for the month of July only. The laborer will receive a W2. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford made the motion to approve all the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) with Newton County as part of the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS). This includes Animal Control, Building Inspections, Court Services, Elections, Fire Services, Planning & Zoning, Jail, Law Enforcement, Keep Covington-Newton Beautiful, Tax Collection, and Right of Way Maintenance. Councilman Austin Mitchell gave the second. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr explained that even though we are signing these agreements, they will only apply if we use them. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford made the motion to approve to surplus un-needed/un-used equipment. Councilman Austin Mitchell gave the second. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr suggested posting this equipment to govdeals.com. Councilman Blair Northen asked if a minimum amount should be set when posted on govdeals.com. Councilman Perry Lunsford thought it should at least be scrap value. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford made the motion to table New Business Item d until the Special Called Meeting on June 17, 2019. Councilman Blair Northen gave the second. Councilman Austin Mitchell asked what the penalties are if the extension is not approved. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr commented that Newton County has been non-compliant 3 times in the past and although somewhat serious to lose the Qualified Local Government status, a county can move in and out of this status easily. The consequences for Mansfield are minimal. The biggest impact would be on the County and City of Covington. The hope of all the Mayor's is instead of approving an extension, the whole Service Delivery Strategy agreement can be approved. The mayor also encouraged the council to talk to a commissioner about this. All Council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford made the motion to change the contract of the City Center project from asphalt paving to concrete. Councilman Blair Northen gave the second. The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr stated that he and several other councilmembers has sought advice on this change and that he thinks it is what is best for the City especially given the unique situation of concrete being less expensive than asphalt and more durable. Councilman Blair Northen added that he talked to the contractor, Ricky Bruce, and he indicated that the concrete would be 5" thick where the traffic flows the most and 4" everywhere else. All the council agreed and was given similar advice. Mayor Pro Tem Perry Lunsford also added that the base of the area is the original hard packed clay, a benefit from age. All council voted 'aye'. The motion passed 5/0.

At this point the meeting moved into the FY2019 – 2020 Budget Public Hearing.

There were no comments made by the public regarding the proposed budget.

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr commented that Council would like to vote to approve the budget at the same called meeting on June 17. He also shared that Councilman Blair Northen found places to reduce the budget by \$7,500. Mayor Pro Temp Perry Lunsford stated that the budget included a 2.5% cost of living raise for the City employees.

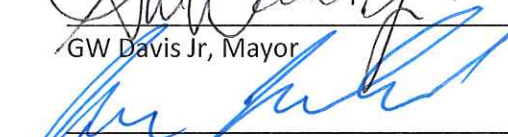
The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr allowed additional comments from the citizen attendees and guests. Mr. Paul and Mrs. Brenda Campbell asked questions about the website reconstruction.

The honorable Mayor GW Davis Jr thanked John Napoli for getting up at 2:30AM to make sure a downed powerline from a tree limb was repaired. He also thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09PM.




GW Davis Jr, Mayor




Perry Lunsford, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Blair Northen, Post 3



Austin Mitchell, Post 4

Bryan Hale, Post 5