

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Blair Northen, Marty Smallwood, Helen Robertson, and Fred Purvis
ABSENT: Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Vicki & Scott Cowan, Walter Tuggle, Scottie Croy, Elsie Smith and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor GW Davis Jr. called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. During the moment of reflection, Mayor Davis asked if anyone had anything to reflect on during the moment of reflection. The Scott Colyn, Shirley Family, Frog Henderson, Debbie Jackson family, and Ray Cason was mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis called for the agenda adoption. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes for January 9, 2023. Northen made motion to accept the January 9, 2023, minutes as presented. Councilman Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. Vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business discussed as follows:

Mayor Davis updated the council on the paving project. The paving has been completed and no problems thus far. The company has been good to work with and they are scheduled to come out to mill out around the drain to make the water flow easier into the drain.

The employee handbook was presented. Northen made motion to accept the employee handbook with current changes. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

New Business:

Mayor Davis gave each council member a packet of rates and PCA adjustments from ECG. Several handouts were given from Sarah Leonard, ECG and Holly Bisig, MEAG. Mayor recommended the council to go thru the packet, look at rates, become familiar and ask questions. He did recommend to email Crystal Smallwood, and she would forward to proper person that way everyone is not emailing same questions over and over. If needed we could get Sarah Leonard and Holly Bisig to attend the next meeting. The council should come to the next meeting prepared to make a decision on the rate increase. Smallwood wanted to express that the council did not want to lose Beaver or "run them out". No one had ever said that, and he just wanted to reiterate that is not the council intentions. However, he does want to make sure Beaver is paying the fair share. He has asked for the information and so far, he is unable to get that information. Northen wants an explanation as to what # 2 on the spreadsheet means -) 2. It costs LESS to provide electricity to LG Commercial than to other rate classes). Mayor Davis stated if we have shortfalls we can borrow from reserves and payback if needed. No action taken at this time.

Business license up for renewal: American Tire & Wheels, The Building Super Store, American Structures, Beaver Manufacturing, Talmadge Oak, LLC, Southcoast Magnolia Properties, Westridge MHP, HWMFG, LLC and The Shoppe on West. New Business: Your Perfect Cup and R.S. Jones Building Services. Smallwood made motion to accept as presented. Northen seconded motion. Discussion included: Do we require locations added to business license application? Are certain lots suitable for that type of business? Smallwood and Northen stated just today a delivery truck was delivering a building on Hwy 213/Ed Needham and the new asphalt has been damaged. Mayor Davis will draft a letter to the owner of the business advising of the damage and to do what is necessary to prevent further damage. No further discussion. All in favor.

Northen made motion to approve the crimp tool for 2145.00 from Gresco and the LDO probe for the sewer plant in the amount of 1303.91 from Hach. Purvis seconded motion. No discussion. All in favor

Northen made a motion to approve Jeanette Parker request for a metal carport to be installed. Purvis seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis advised the council on the LMIG grant from the state for paving. It is a 30% match grant. The LMIG Formula Factor = (Local Gov. Population/State Population) x 1/3 + (Local Gov. Mileage/Total State Mileage) x 2/3 x \$183,888,789. Mansfield total was just over \$10,000 but can be saved for 3 years for projects.


No further discussion or action taken on delinquent property taxes.


Northen made a motion to use funds from the sale of the old trucks on gov.deals for a good used city truck in the amount of \$15000.00. Purvis seconded. Northen stated we had originally budgeted 11,000 for a UTV. That money can be used for the repairs of the bucket truck and the auction money could be used for the city truck. No further discussion. All in favor.


Mayor Davis asked Crystal Smallwood to explain the conversation she had with DOT in reference to the more signage within the city. Ms. Smallwood stated we could put 2- NO THRU TRUCKS on Kellogg St. and place in a 45degree angle for trucks to see before committing to the turn. DOT also stated we could use the Beaver signs if we were off the DOT right of way and angle them toward the highway as well. Mayor Davis then made a map of where he thought the signs should be and where to place outbound truck signs. Northen asked if we could adjust the new speed signs on Hwy 213 to stop strobe at 30mph and to stop flashing speed at 25mph. Ms. Smallwood will check and advise. No action on any of these matters.

No citizen comments on non-agenda items.

Northen made motion to adjourn. Smallwood seconded. No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm



GW Davis Jr, Mayor


Marty Smallwood, Post 1


Helen Robertson, Post 2


Blair Northen, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore

Scott Colyn, Post 4


Fred Purvis, Post 5