

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
October 9, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Helen Robertson, Marty Smallwood, and Fred Purvis
Absent: Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Paul Ellard, Elsie Smith, Scott Cowan, Unknown male, Scottie Croy, 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. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis presented the agenda. Councilman, Fred Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the minutes from the September 11, 2023, meeting. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept minutes as presented. Councilman, Helen Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business: None

New Business:

Mayor Davis asked Paul Ellard to explain what happened when paving and why the invoice was more than the bid. Mr. Ellard apologized to the council but stated it was mis communication and the entire Cypress St was paved instead of the portion that was approved. He stated he was not trying to get more money by doing more paving, it was an error in communications from what was approved and what was paved. He usually makes 10-12% profit and he could come off the price, but he could not take the entire 39,000 as a loss. He has asphalt, workers and machines involved but is willing to work with the council on what is fair. Crystal Smallwood stated the bid was presented in 2 bids and had emailed them at Mr. Purvis request to the council. When it was put on the spreadsheet that was at the request of the Council, only "Cypress" (not from point to point) was put on the sheet with the price approved on the bid covering 3rd to Hardman. Mayor Davis stated he went out and tried to stop the crew, but they didn't speak English. Mr. Ellard stated this was never conveyed to him or the foreman. Smallwood asked was he notified in writing or verbal on the streets selected. He stated it is apparent the work was done, and he feels it was miscommunication on both sides. Purvis stated the job was done and it does look nice and is a huge improvement. The council is not disappointed in the job and wishes to keep him as a vendor in the future. Mayor Davis asked the council if they wanted to think about it, look at the budget and get back together later to discuss further. Everyone agreed. Mayor then advised Mr. Ellard they would have to look at the details and would get in touch. Mr. Ellard was then excused if needed to leave.

Mayor Davis presented the business license for Northen Auto. Smallwood moved to make a motion to accept the business license. Purvis seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis advised the council we would need a special election in March to fill the vacant seat of Blair Northen. An election call must be made by December 13th and qualifying afterwards. Ms. Smallwood had a preference of early January and 3 days of qualifying. Purvis moved to make a motion to recommend January 8-10 for qualifying. Smallwood seconded. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis recommended Blair Northen be appointed as the Christmas Celebration chairperson. Mr. Northen is no longer a council member but has expressed interest in handling the celebration as normal. Purvis moved to a motion to appoint Blair Northen as the Chairperson of the Christmas Celebration. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented a request of asphalt speed bumps on Kellogg St. Smallwood moved to make a motion to deny the request. Robertson seconded. Discussion included, we can replace with the rubber type speed bumps that were installed on White St, but the amount of traffic on Kellogg doesn't warrant the cost involved installing asphalt speed bumps. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the variance request from Cliff Shockley asking for a camper in his back yard for a caregiver during his daughter's medical treatment over the course of the next 6 months. Smallwood moved to a motion to accept variance request. Robertson seconded. Discussion included water and sewer use. Mayor asked Public Works Supervisor to make sure it is properly done if using. The council asked for a variance signed by Homeowner and City Hall stating it will be for 6 months only and appropriate sewer and water use determined by the PW Supervisor be satisfied during this time. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the quote for the sewer plant blower from Pye- Barker for 4513.00. Ms. Smallwood advised the council a second bid was attempted from Smith and Loveless, however they are unable to quote due to not having a serial number off the part the blower attached too. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the quote as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. Discussion included: Scottie advised this blower would be put into service immediately due to the condition of the other blower. It is uncertain if the old blower can be rebuilt but, if possible, the old will be used as a spare. No further discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented the 2 quotes for the golf cart. One estimate was for a used golf cart \$7995.00. The second quote was for a rebuilt engine with a 60-90 day 2804.00. It is the mayor's recommendation to repair it. Purvis moved to a motion to repair for the estimate presented. Smallwood seconded. The council asked Scottie Croy how his opinion was. Scottie feels like the golf cart will have a few more years. Ms. Smallwood stated they were unable to find a year it was purchased, and Fat Boys stated after 10 years the parts become obsolete. Marty Smallwood thinks it was purchased in 2014. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the CDs that are up for renewal. They are currently at Newton Federal and will give a 1.25 % interest rate. United Bank will give 1.50%, United Community Bank 4.50% and Synovus was 5.25% for a 13 month. Smallwood moved to make motion to move CDs to Synovus. Purvis seconded the motion. Discussion included maybe going for a longer term if the money was a rainy-day fund. Ms. Smallwood stated she was supposed to call Friday and had forgotten, however today was a bank holiday and was unable to obtain any information. No further discussion. All in favor.

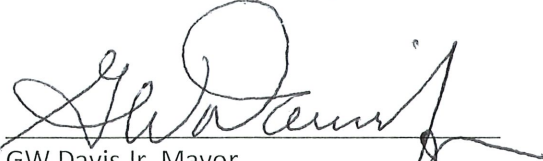
Tree trimming was presented by the mile at \$6200.00 per mile. It was presented as Kellogg St and Hardeman St at 1.3 miles, Hwy 213 (both sections) at .9 miles and Ivy St at .3 miles. Total of 2.5 miles. Purvis moved to make motion to accept as quoted 15,500.00. Smallwood seconded. Mayor Davis said we would have room for .08 if needed. No further discussion. All in favor

No citizen comments.

Purvis made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:49 to discuss personnel. Smallwood seconded the motion. All in Favor. Scottie Croy was asked to stay for the executive session. Executive session began at 7:51

8:05 the Council returned to regular session. Purvis moved to a motion to recommend action discussed in the executive session. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Purvis made a motion to adjourn at 8:06. Smallwood seconded. No discussion. All in favor.



GW Davis Jr, Mayor



Marty Smallwood, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2

Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5