

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mansfield Community House
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PRESENT: GW Davis Jr, Helen Robertson, Scott Colyn, and Fred Purvis
Absent: Marty Smallwood

OTHERS: Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, Blair Northen, Kevin Miller, 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 Helen Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented the minutes from the August 14, 2023, meeting, and the minutes from the Public Hearing August 14, 2023. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept both minutes as presented. Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business: Kevin Miller with GWES advised the council of the current updates to the Lead and Copper Rule Revision. The application is due September 29, 2023, so direction from the council is requested. After speaking with GEFA, it was strongly urged to borrow the maximum amount possible under the restrictions due to the prediction of lower funds available next year. If the city doesn't use all the money, it can be paid toward the loan. Purvis moved to make a motion to approve borrowing up to \$100,000 in addition to the \$15,000 grant. Councilman, Scott Colyn seconded the motion. Discussion included: Mayor Davis feels the lead lines will be minimal but to be sure we have secured the funds; this is the best decision. Kevin reiterated there would be 50% forgiveness on the loan of what money was used. No further discussion. All in favor.

New Business:

With the recent resignation of Blair Northen, Mayor Pro Tem; Mayor Davis recommended Fred Purvis for the Pro Tem position. It will be an easy transition with the incoming Mayor in January due to signatures, etc. Colyn moved to make a motion to appoint Fred Purvis as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Robertson seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented the business license for the new owners of Rooster's. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the business license. Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented the alcohol license for the new owners for Rooster's. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept alcohol license. Colyn seconded the motion. The vote was 3/1 Robertson voting no.

Mayor Davis presented the request to divide 2 parcels into 3 located on Hwy 11. The current owner submitted a drawing showing 3 houses using the same driveway. Mayor Davis explained it meets the minimum acreage requirements. Purvis

is concerned and requests it to go to Planning and Zoning due to the wording of "subdivide". Mayor explained that the definition of a subdivision is 3 or more houses however 1 house is already on property so essentially it is 2 houses. Mayor also explained this is nothing any different than years past under previous administration when he divided his property for his relatives. Colyn is concerned with the driveway becoming a "city street". After much discussion it was agreed to get further information from the property owner. No action was taken.

Mayor Davis presented a quote from Asphalt by Design to install 5 speed bumps for 12,000 plus \$1000 for painting. Purvis moved to a motion to accept the bid for speed bumps from Asphalt by Design for \$13,000 with funds of 6934 coming from ARPA and the remaining from SPLOST. Colyn seconded the motion. NO further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis presented the Smith & Loveless quote for the new motor on the pump station located at Tom Smith. The quote has 2 different motors but after checking the previous purchase, the 2nd motor will be the proper motor to purchase. Purvis moved to a motion to accept quote of 11995.66 from Smith & Loveless for the motor replacement. Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

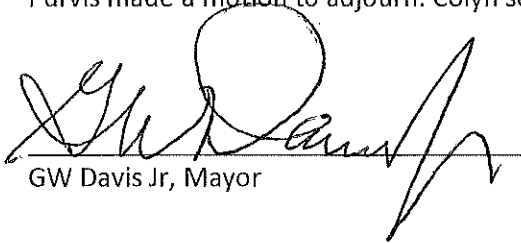
Mayor Davis asked Ms. Smallwood to present the proposal for Code Enforcement. HIJK LLC presented a proposal for code enforcement. They will be on an as needed basis with a 2-hour minimum. The hourly fee is \$50.00 per hour. Currently the city uses Bureau Veritas but after a meeting with the code enforcement officer, the actions taken are not beneficial to the City of Mansfield or citizens of Mansfield. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept HIJK LLC for the current code enforcement. Colyn seconded the motion. Discussion included the 3 complaints we have received. Robertson stated the Hwy 11/4th Ave house has been cleaned. Mayor stated in private he would explain further on the house. Hwy 213 and the existing Hwy 11 junk cars will be turned over to Code enforcement as no action has been taken to correct the problem after several attempts. No further discussion. All in favor

No action on tree trimming. After much discussion, the majority of the council requests more bids as some were not satisfied with the contractor used last.

Mayor Davis asked Ms. Smallwood to present the Darnell Quick Recovery for bad debt service. Ms. Smallwood stated currently the city does not pursue any means to collect monies owed to the city when a tenant and or homeowner leaves the city. In previous years, this has equaled over a 30,000 loss. Currently we have roughly a 10,000 loss. Darnell will handle all necessary action and the contract is for 3 years. They will keep 33.3% of collected funds for their fee. Purvis moved to a motion to accept the contract. Colyn seconded the motion. Discussion included higher deposits, earlier cut off dates, landlord responsibilities. No other discussion. All in favor.

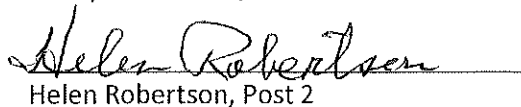
No citizen comments.

Purvis made a motion to adjourn. Colyn seconded the motion. No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm



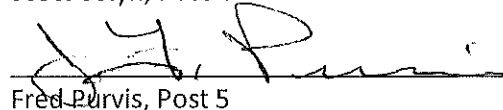
GW Davis Jr, Mayor

Marty Smallwood, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2

Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5