

# City of Mansfield

## Council Meeting Minutes

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April 18, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.  
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PRESENT: Blair Northen, Helen Robertson, Brandon Hays, Fred Purvis and Scott Colyn

OTHERS: Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, Jefferson Riley, and Crystal Smallwood

Mayor Northen called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. Mayor Pro Tem, Fred Purvis gave the invocation. Mayor Northen then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Northen presented the agenda. Councilman, Helen Robertson moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the minutes from March 11, 2024, and April 4, 2024, special called meeting. Robertson moved to make a motion to accept both minutes as presented. Councilman, Scott Colyn seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business:

Mayor Northen presented the Animal Control Ordinance for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading. Purvis moved to make a motion to adopt Newton County Animal Control ordinance as City of Mansfield Ordinance. Colyn seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the Code Enforcement ordinance for the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) reading. Purvis moved to make a motion to adopt the Code Enforcement ordinance as presented. Colyn seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor.

New Business:

Mayor Northen presented the low bid for the restroom reconstruction at the City Hall. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the \$5000.00 bid from Mills Plumbing. Councilman, Brandon Hays seconded the motion. Mayor Northen then explained the low bid was only for the bathroom and would require work from ER Utility to tap into the manhole. Colyn stated the existing pipe would be abandoned. Northen stated it would be new pipe from the toilet/sink to the manhole. Purvis amended the motion to include both bids at a total of \$6450.00. Hays seconded. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the 2023 Year-end Settlement from MEAG that is received each year. He then added some years it is a credit but this year we owed 3363.00. Purvis moved to a motion to pay in full. Hays seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the City Center use request. Purvis to a motion to accept. Colyn seconded. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the 811 Proclamation designating the month of April as safe digging month. Purvis moved to a motion to accept. Hays seconded the motion. Mayor Northen then read the proclamation in its entirety. No discussion. All in favor.

Newton Education foundation was on the agenda for the re-launch of the program. Gail Rothman and members of the OneNewton committee arrived at approximately 7:20 due to a prior engagement in City of Covington. Ms. Rothman presented a copy of a joint proclamation that would be given out later. She explained the importance of education and the relationships made with officials, small businesses, individuals and much more within the county. Afterwards she gave time for questions. The council welcomed them back and look forward to this new project.

Mayor Northen presented the water rate increase effective July 1, 2024, from Newton County. Purvis moved to a motion to increase water by .05 (5 cents) per thousand gallons. Colyn seconded the motion. Mayor Northen explained this was a cost recovery increase not a profit increase. Mansfield will not be making any money just simply passing the increase to customers. No other discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen advised the council of the supplemental grant we can apply for. LRA (Local Road Assistance) will require NO match and it calculated on the same formula LMIG is formulated which is miles of road and population. The amount is a little over 14,000 we would receive. Purvis mentioned it would not be enough to pave a road but could help with sidewalks. Northen stated he and Purvis spoke earlier and ~~decided~~ <sup>recommended</sup> it would be a great investment to add a sidewalk from the school down Oak St to Hy 213. Another option would be to repair the sidewalk in front of Beaver. Northen advised the council an engineer was called to give an opinion due to the design and modification to the sidewalks at Beaver however no information was currently available.

Mayor Northen presented a variance request from the Shockley's. They currently have a variance that is expiring, and they are asking for a 6-month extension due to the treatments his daughter is undergoing, and this makes it easier for childcare. Purvis moved to a motion to accept a 6-month extension. Hays seconded. No discussion. All in favor

Citizen comments: Jefferson Riley encouraged the council to apply for more funds than was given and used Town of Newborn as an example. He stated they received more funds by asking. He also wanted to know why the council would not allow a question/answer at the council meeting because he did under his term. Mr. Riley warned the council of not following procedure at a meeting. He stated even if an item was discussed in a work session, it needed to be discussed again in the council meeting.

No further business to discuss. Smallwood moved to make a motion to adjourn at 7:14. Purvis seconded the motion. All in favor.



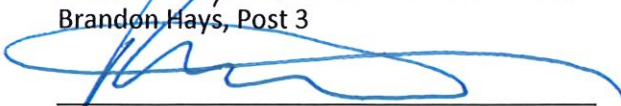
Blair H. Northen, III, Mayor



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Brandon Hays, Post 3



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5

\* Amended 5/13 minutes  
removing word "decided" and  
replacing with "recommended"