

# City of Mansfield

## Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes  
March 11, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.  
Mansfield Methodist Church  
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**PRESENT:** Blair Northen, Helen Robertson, Marty Smallwood, Fred Purvis and Scott Colyn

**OTHERS:** Walter Tuggle, Elsie Smith, Martisha Boyd, Vicki & Scott Cowan, 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. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the minutes from the February 12, 2024, and March 4, 2024 meeting. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept minutes as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

No citizen comments on agenda items.

Old business:

Mayor Northen presented the No parking ordinance on Hwy 11 for the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) reading. Purvis moved to make a motion to adopt a No parking ordinance extending east and west from Hwy 213 south to Kellogg Ave with exception of 1 residential parking located at 2991 Hwy 11 (Soda Pop). Smallwood seconded the motion. Mayor Northen advised this reading of the amendment to the ordinance was necessary according to the Charter. It gives the residents an opportunity to speak before the council votes and allows ample time for citizen input. No further discussion. All in favor

New Business:

Mayor Northen presented the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Code Enforcement Ordinance. This ordinance allows the City to recoup funds that may be incurred during the violation period. Purvis moved to make a motion to approve ordinance as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Animal Control Ordinance. This ordinance allows Newton County to enforce and issue violations in Mansfield. The first reading was June 2023. After review from the city attorney, it was ready for the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Purvis moved to make a motion to approve the ordinance as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen presented the variance request from the Heard residence on Hwy 213. Since work session, the neighbor that is closest to the property line has submitted a letter recommending acceptance of approval. Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the variance as presented. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Northen advised the council of the assistant clerk position. He has been in contact with a person, however she only wanted temporary but is willing to help if needed. Smallwood stated it needed to be advertised even if she does fill

in due to the need of a permanent part time position. It was discussed to advertise on the website and Facebook page. No action required.

Mayor Northen presented a bid for the clerk's computer replacement. The quote was originally to replace the mayor laptop but since then the clerk's computer is failing. The original quote of \$2560.00 included a monitor but we were told we could use the current monitors and would save \$200.00 Purvis moved to make a motion to accept the bid removing the monitors. Smallwood seconded. Colyn asked if this included support and warranty. No other discussion All in favor.

No citizen comments.

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

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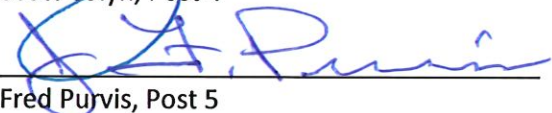
Marty Smallwood, Post 1



Helen Robertson, Post 2



Scott Colyn, Post 4



Fred Purvis, Post 5