

City of Mansfield

Council Meeting Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes
July 10, 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: Walter Tuggle, Mr. & Mrs. Cowan, Elsie Smith, Jonathan Fuqua, Mary Ann Davis 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 Patrick Family, Jerry Sorrells, and Anthony Avery were mentioned. After the moment of silence, Mayor Davis then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Davis presented the agenda with an addition of "J" under new business, Willie Gene Clark Proclamation. He then called for the agenda adoption. Mayor Pro Tem, Blair Northen made motion to accept the corrected agenda, Councilman Marty Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor Davis presented minutes from the June 12, 2023, meeting. Northen made motion to accept minutes presented. Councilman Fred Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. The vote was unanimous.

Citizen comments on agenda items were as follows:

Jonathan Fuqua representing the Masonic Lodge requested use of the City Center for October 21, 2023 for the annual Fall Festival.

Old business: Mayor Davis presented the sign ordinance that was shared during work session. No discussion to change or add any additional information; it was recommended that it be presented at the next Council meeting as an ordinance to be voted on and adopted.

New Business:

Mayor Davis asked the council for a motion on the use of the City Center presented by Jonathan Fuqua. Northen made a motion to accept the request for use of the City Center on October 21, 2023, for the Fall Festival. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis recommended GWES to continue with the LCRR project. Everyone had a chance to listen to the presentation during the work session. Northen made a motion to continue with GWES and spend up to 60,000 from ARPA funds. Smallwood seconded the motion. Smallwood wanted the citizens to know this had to be done to be compliant. Northen stated it must be done and we will receive a 15,000 grant and 50% forgiveness on a loan. Mayor Davis advised the council that Ms. Smallwood had found all the paperwork where Dennis Hyde had replaced lines so this hopefully will cut back time and save money. No other discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented the invoice for Mauldin & Jenkins for \$3000.00. This invoice was in addition to the initial bid as the required items were not addressed in the bid and the MEAG questionnaire had not been completed in 2 years. They also stated they would handle 2023 audit for 18,750 RLG would be 2000.00 and the MEAG questionnaire would range \$2000-\$4000. Northen made a motion to pay the current invoice of \$3000. Purvis seconded the motion. No Discussion.

All in favor. Northen made a motion to accept the price for 2023 audit \$22,750. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Northen made a motion to close the Sinking Fund account and move all money to the Water/Sewer fund account. Purvis seconded the motion. No other discussion. All in favor

Mayor Davis presented the 2 sign requests: 1 from Mansfield Shell and the other from Beaver. Northen made a motion to approve both sign requests. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

Mayor Davis read the resolution prepared by city attorney, Scott Cole referencing the alley along Pine St behind lot owned by 5C Property and Tabernacle of Praise. (See attached resolution). Northen made a motion to direct the Mayor and City Attorney to prepare a quitclaim deed (i) conveying half of the 10-foot alley to Tabernacle of Praise where the Tabernacle of Praise property is adjacent to the property owned by 5C Property. Reversing the previous quitclaim deed signed by Mayor Davis. Purvis seconded the motion. No other discussion. All in favor.

Northen made a motion to accept quote for small bucket attachment for the tractor from Hays Tractor. Smallwood seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

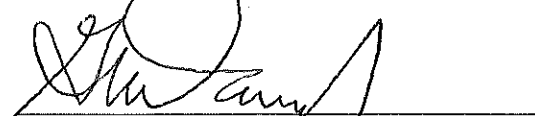
Northen made a motion to allow a city vehicle to leave the City of Mansfield to attend the Family Fun Day in Covington on August 5th. The event will be from 11am-2pm. The fire truck, if operable will be parked on the lawn for the event. We will have a tent/booth on site passing out items from City of Mansfield. Purvis seconded the motion. No discussion. All in favor.

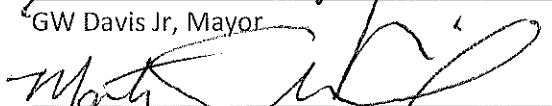
Mayor Davis presented the proposed ARPA/SPLOST budget. Northen made a motion to accept the ARPA budget. Purvis seconded the motion, and the budget was up for discussion. Discussion included: Smallwood stated the speed bumps were left off the spreadsheet. They were added at \$3600.00 changing the ARPA budget to \$76282.00. Mayor Davis stated the bid for 3rd Ave was approved by DOT from Ellard & Co, so he recommended that be started due to school traffic. The crosswalk was in discussion to see if we had to go with thermo paint or not. If not, that will be under budget. The center line on Ed Needham is not necessary. The sidewalk from Sally's will stop at city owned property and will demo the old brick sign. Ellard & Co will do the 3rd St repair, Ricky Bruce will repair the Old City Hall, East Metro Concrete will repair the sidewalk. The motion was then retracted, and Northen made a motion to accept the corrected amount for the ARPA budget as \$76282.00. Purvis seconded. No other discussion. All in favor. Smallwood made a motion to accept the SPLOST budget at \$239602.32. Purvis seconded the motion. Discussion included: The council felt the school, or the county should help offset the costs. Mayor Davis stated he had spoken with the county, and he knew they would not. Smallwood suggested he contact the school. Mayor Davis called a contact during the meeting. They stated the school did not have it in the budget but would need to speak to the Superintendent. Mayor stated he would follow up with him this week. Mayor Davis recommended East Metro Concrete to repair the 2 sidewalks, Ellard & CO for the paving. Ricky Bruce to complete the repair on 5th Ave. He also stated Ricky Bruce quote was received this week. Another bid for paving came in from Tim Martin but was slightly higher than Ellard & Co. Smallwood asked if the remaining balance from SPLOST included the \$115,000 that had to be reallocated by vote. Northen stated this did not include any of the new SPLOST that would begin this year. August 2023 should be the last payment of the expiring SPLOST. No other discussion. All in favor

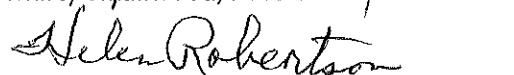
Mayor Davis read the proclamation for Willie Gene Clark. (see attached) Mayor Davis requested July 30, 2023, be declared Willie Gene Clark Day at the Bethel Grove Church Family and Friends event. Northen made a motion to accept the proclamation. Purvis seconded. Northen stated how much Mr. Clark had helped him when he moved to Mansfield. No other discussion. All in favor.

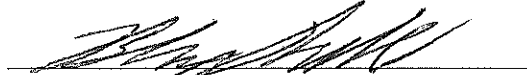
Citizen comments included: Jonathan Fuqua stated the issue he has been having with the postmaster in regard to the error on Ed Needham/Pine St. Scott Cowan asked if the budget was prepared and approved at a prior meeting.

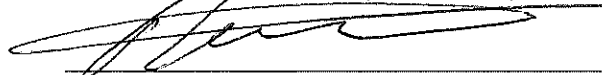
No further discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:04

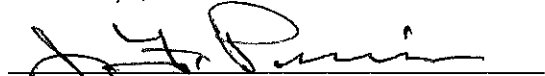

GW Davis Jr, Mayor


Marty Smallwood, Post 1


Helen Robertson, Post 2


Blair Northern, Post 3, Mayor Pro Tempore


Scott Colyn, Post 4


Fred Purvis, Post 5