

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
April 10th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening

Councilmember Travis L. Ferguson

Councilmember Pattisue Elliott

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Chief Gray Couch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance

Motion made by Travis Ferguson to approve the March 13th minutes, seconded by Pattisue Elliott. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the minutes of the March 28th Budget work session. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the March Treasurer's report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Jennifer Corcione with the Community Action for Improvement was scheduled to appear before the Mayor and Council but was unable to attend.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Pattisue Elliot to reappoint Pat Turner to the Meriwether County Library Board for a term of July 1, 2017 through June 30th 2020. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Mayor Brening and seconded by Travis Ferguson to increase the fee for a rezoning application from \$250 to \$300 contingent upon legal review by the City Attorney. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

A public hearing was held prior to the meeting with information given to the Mayor and Council regarding a rezoning application submitted by Lisa Truett for rezoning of Map 03 Parcel 006 (900 Nebula Rd). The Manchester Planning and Zoning Board met on March 13th, 2017 regarding the application and recommend its approval. Motion made to rezone 900 Nebula Rd from R-2 to C-1 by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes

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Mayor Brening noted that Anytime Fitness is scheduled to open the week of April 10, 2017 and that the improvements made to the facility are significant. He also informed the council that he had met with a representative from Liberty Utilities to look at buildings in Manchester that would be suitable for locating their office. The Mayor noted the success of Opening Day for Dixie Youth baseball on Saturday April the 8th at the recreation department. He said there were over 500 children that participated with approximately 420 from Meriwether County and the remainder from Talbot County.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson mentioned the presence of two 24 hour gyms in Manchester now and asked that Chief Gray Couch have his officers be proactive in watching for people working out late at night.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson inquired about House Bill 73 as it pertains to Rural Downtown Tax Credits and asked City Manager Doug Westberry if there would be any benefit for the City of Manchester. Mr. Westberry stated that he believed the City could be able to reap some rewards of the bill if it passed and that he would check into it further.

City Manager Doug Westberry updated the council on legal action taken by the City on a dilapidated property located on North Street. He stated that the property owner had been located and was issued a citation but he had not taken action. A bench warrant was issued for the property owner, he was located again, taken into custody where he remained until he appeared before the Municipal Judge on his court date. At that time he was released and given a date of April 12th to correct violations at the property.

Mr. Westberry also reminded everyone of the Keep Meriwether Beautiful Clean-up Day being held on Saturday April 22nd. He noted that the City's site for collection would be on the Washington St. side of the old mill. He also mentioned that there would be several other collection sites throughout the county and that tire collection (unmounted only) would take place at the Meriwether County Public Works facility.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn. Vote was unanimous was 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening