

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
APRIL 11, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Michael J. Brening, Mayor Pro Tem Bruce S. Burt, Councilmember Solomon Ferguson, Councilmember Pattisue S. Elliott and Councilmember Travis L. Ferguson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: City Attorney Nathan Lee, City Manager Doug Westberry, City Clerk Kristen C. Price, Carolyn McKinley- Meriwether County Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Buckner – State Representative

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Changed order of Agenda skipped to (2a)

Carolyn McKinley from Meriwether Chamber of Commerce made a presentation to update the council on tourism. The Together in Meriwether Committee has completed several projects at Lake Meriwether, Covered Bridge, and Boat Ramps. The committee has been working on the mural and the butterfly projects. She advised the City of Manchester needs to locate a building and a place for the butterfly garden. She explained the committee is trying to keep all directions of the county to work together and make the most we can make of tourism revenue.

Debbie Buckner – State Representative updated the council on several new bills that passed in the session including House Bill 786 which was the City of Manchester bill to change the charter on the election process. She also explained the budget was passed as well.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes March 14, 2016 and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were Mayor Brening, Mayor Pro Tem Burt, Councilmember Solomon Ferguson and Councilmember Elliott were ayes. Councilmember Travis Ferguson abstained.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting and Work Session March 31, 2016 and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2016 and Councilmember Elliott seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the invoice from Crawford Grading for \$55,905.24 to be paid from the CDBG 2014. Mayor Pro Tem Burt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made a motion to approve the invoice from Downtown Decorations \$3017.21 to be paid from the DDA checking account and Mayor Pro Tem Burt seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Mayor Brening updated the council on the recycling program and the countywide clean up on April 23, 2016.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson mention he would like to see a sign at the Callaway Building about Recreation.

City Manager Westberry updated the council on a meeting with Eccomelt's official about expanding the business to add a railroad spur. He also mentioned that Global Track Warehouse (new owners of Goody Plant) was moving forward with renovation project.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to adopt the resolution for Georgia Cities Week and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made a motion to appoint City Manager Westberry as delegate for MGAG and Mayor Brening as the alternate. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (5 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to re-open the regular meeting and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson second the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (5 ayes)

Mayor Brening announced potential litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. 5 ayes

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

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City Clerk Kristen C. Price

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Mayor Michael J. Brening