

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 8, 2016
5:00 P.M.

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

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: City Attorney Nathan Lee, City Manager Doug Westberry, City Clerk Kathy M. Storey, Leanora Davis (d/b/a Toot's), and Robert Allen.

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.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2016 regular meeting. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous with 5 ayes.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the July 2016 Treasurer's report as presented and Councilmember Pattisue Elliott made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous with 5 ayes.

Tammy Decker with USDA was listed on the agenda but was not in attendance.

Robert Allen commended the Fire Department for their service and inquired about the status of 23 North St. The City Attorney updated him on the proceedings. Mr. Allen also expressed his displeasure with Dependable Waste regarding pickup of debris from his house fire.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made a motion for the City to enter into a hunting lease with Thomas Calk for the sum of \$12,000. Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve and pay from Bond Construction funds the Smith Gray invoice in the amount of \$21,515.37 for repairs to the well. Motion seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made a motion to approve and pay from Bond Construction funds the MR Systems invoice in the amount of \$28,395.00 for raw water pump communication and control systems. Motion seconded by Councilmember Travis Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt made a motion to appoint Lea Spell as City Clerk. Motion seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Mayor Brening thanked City Manager Doug Westberry and Finance Director Kathy Storey for their extra work while the City Clerk position was vacant.

Councilmember Pattisue Elliott updated the council regarding the butterfly garden to be located on Broad St near the Mill. She expressed her gratitude to Extension Agent Susan James for all her work on the project. She explained that the garden will be 1024 square feet with low maintenance plants and will require a very small amount of money.

Councilmember Travis Solomon updated the council in regards to Fit 4 Life being opened by Otis Bullard. Mr. Bullard thanked the City of Manchester for its help and support involving the opening of the facility.

City Manager Doug Westberry thanked Kathy Storey and staff. He also updated the council on recent projects involving Rite Air, GTW site, and the Dentist office. Upcoming events include Stephen's Station ribbon cutting ceremony on August 13th at 10:00 AM and the consignment shop will open on August 15th.

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt made a motion to approve Ordinance 2016-1 (Parking Ordinance). Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Leanora Davis came before the Mayor and Council to dispute her utility bill. Ms. Davis already has an agreement in place to pay for an outstanding utility bill in addition to her current charges with the late fees being waived. The council determined that there would be no adjustment to the bill and she would be required to pay the charges.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt, seconded by Travis Solomon to adjourn at 6:30 PM. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Kathy M. Storey

Mayor Michael J. Brening