

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
January 9th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce S. Burt

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

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, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the minutes of the December 12th, 2016 regular meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

The Treasurer's report was not available due to the absence of Finance Director, Kathy Storey. The Mayor and Council were informed it would be sent to them as soon as it was available.

Manchester citizen, Shirian Childs, came before the Mayor and Council regarding a high utility bill. The council was informed that city personnel had gone to the residence on numerous occasions to research the problem. It had been determined that the customer has some type of leak. The Mayor and Council advised Ms. Childs to get with her landlord for him to check for leaks. Ms. Childs was also informed that in the event a leak was found and repaired, the city would credit some of the sewer charges upon proper documentation of the repair.

John Fine, Manchester citizen and CEO of The Risen Son Christian Center, came before the Mayor and Council to present a business presentation for an outreach center planned for Manchester. He explained various aspects of the center and requested a letter of support from the City. The Mayor and Council offered its support which will be helpful for Mr. Fine in obtaining funding for the center. Mr. Fine also requested permission to locate a sign at the old Fred's building on Warm Springs Hwy where he plans to locate the center. The Mayor and Council were in agreement with placement of the sign as long as it met all of the criteria of the City's sign ordinance and state highway requirements.

Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to reappoint Jimmy Dyer to the Planning and Zoning board. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes. Mr. Dyer's new term will begin on January 1, 2017 and run through December 31, 2019.

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City Attorney, Nathan Lee, updated the council on the status of the dilapidated house on North Street. He informed them that the owner of the property had been served with citations and February 8th, 2017 is the court date.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Motion seconded by Bruce Burt. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Bruce Burt to exit executive session to return to regular session. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made at 6:45 PM by Bruce Burt and seconded by Travis Ferguson to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening