

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

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Pattisue S. Elliott.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: City Attorney Nathan Lee, City Manager Doug Westberry, City Clerk Kathy M. Storey.

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.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular meeting on June 13, 2016. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were Brening, aye; Burt, aye; Solomon Ferguson, aye; and Travis Ferguson abstained.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on June 21, 2016 and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to approve the June 2016 Treasurer's report as presented and Mayor Pro Tem Burt made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mike Johnson requested he be removed from the agenda.

Mayor Brening reported on the proposed fire districts for Meriwether County and the benefit of the project. He stated although the City of Manchester would not be a part of the fire districts but it would benefit the City of Manchester since it would add a manned station nearby. The project will be brought to a vote in the November election for all residents of Meriwether County residents (exempting Manchester) to consider. Meriwether County does not have adequate fire coverage for its residents at this time. He reported on the success of the 7-8 State Baseball tournament and the number of people it brought into Manchester over the past two weekends.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson informed Council on the proposed location of the Fit 4 Life fitness center. Otis & Dee Bullard are in the process of signing a contract for the purchase of Tha Deli building located on Callaway Street.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson expressed their appreciation to the Police Department and residents of Manchester for their relationship. City Manager Westberry reported sensitivity training is ongoing as part of their required training hours.

City Manager Westberry reported on the success of the July 3rd event advising there were not problems from the crowd. He has received several compliments on the new format. He stated GTW is moving forward on their project and Rite Aid will be doing a \$200,000 renovation. Mr. Westberry expressed his sincere appreciation for work City Clerk / Finance Director Kathy Storey is doing for him and the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition and personnel. Councilmember Travis Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to re-open the meeting and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Brening announced property requisition and personnel were discussed and no action was taken.

Councilmember Travis Ferguson made a motion to amend the agenda to add City Clerk / Finance Director and Woodland Gas System. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made a motion to authorize the City Manager to send a letter to the City of Woodland advising the city had no interest in acquiring or operating their gas system. Councilmember Travis Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to authorize payment of overtime to Kathy Storey during the time she is serving as City Clerk and Finance Director. Councilmember Travis Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made the motion to adjourn and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m. in City Hall.

City Clerk Kathy M. Storey

Mayor Michael J. Brening