

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
June 13, 2016  
5:00 P.M.

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

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Travis L. Ferguson.

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: City Attorney Nathan Lee, City Manager Doug Westberry, City Clerk Kathy M. Storey, Otis & Dee Bulloch, Coaches Richard & Rick McIntyre and Representatives from Wolverines.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing May 9, 2016 on selling Alcohol and Councilmember Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Ferguson made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Hearing May 9, 2016 on the 2016-2017 Budget and Councilmember Elliott seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting May 9, 2016 and Councilmember Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve the May 2016 Treasurer's Report as presented and Mayor Pro Burt made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Otis & Dee Bulloch, licensed trainers, were present to explain their plans to open a Fit 4 Life Gym in Manchester. They are currently looking for a location and have made contacts with property owners. Fit 4 Life has three sites in operation and offer a variety of classes for a wide range of ages. It has been their plan to open a gym in Manchester for the past 15 years and are excited to move forward. Mayor Brening thanked them for their interest in Manchester.

Coaches Richard and Rick McIntyre reported on the success of the Wolverine hand ball, football and basketball teams. All three teams have won 2015 junior varsity championships. There was an outpouring of support for the program and the benefits the youth gain from being involved.

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to adopt the Resolution for the 2016-2017 fiscal budget. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to enter into a contract with Meriwether County for the collection of Past Due property taxes during their taxes sales. The contract will need to be automatically renewable and include a clause to terminate on behalf of both parties. City Attorney will review the contract before it is signed. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to re-appoint Robert Wadsworth to the Pine Mountain Regional Library Board term expiring June 30, 2019. Councilmember Ferguson made the second and a vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to appoint Lisa Brening to replace Beverly Wadsworth on the Pine Mountain Library Board term expiring June 30, 2019. Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the results were Burt, aye; Elliott, aye; Ferguson, aye and Brening, abstained.

Councilmember Ferguson made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss and approve Minutes of Special Called Meeting May 16, 2016 and Mayor Pro Tem Burt made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting May 16, 2016 and Councilmember Ferguson seconded the motion. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote. (4 ayes)

City Manager Westberry reported on a meeting he had attended with the Georgia Department of Transportation regarding the replacement of the Lane Street Bridge. The bridge project is schedule for October 2019 and the project would use the same detour as the railroad bridge. He updated Council on the condition of Perry Street and the projected date for replacement is April 2017.

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to approve the special use for Ma07 P036 to allow for a Dentist Office. Mayor Pro Tem Burt made the second and the motion was carried with a unanimous vote. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Ferguson made a motion to approve rezoning Ma18 P130, P1389 and 138-001 from from C1 to C2. Mayor Pro Tem Burt made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Ferguson made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and Mayor Pro Tem Burt seconded the vote. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote. (4 ayes)

Councilmember Elliott made a motion to close Executive Session and Councilmember Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous. (4 ayes)

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion for City Attorney Nathan Lee to send a letter to Talbot County stating the City will waive the interest on the \$369,788.00 if paid in a lump sum by July 1, 2016 or charge 6% interest if setup in payments for three years with first payment due July 1<sup>st</sup>. If County does not make payments by

the first of the month the interest rate increases to 18%. Councilmember Solomon Ferguson made the second. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous.

Mayor Pro Tem Burt made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Ferguson made the second. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote. (4 ayes)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. in City Hall.

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City Clerk Kathy M. Storey

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Mayor Michael J. Brening