

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
September 18th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

****Regularly scheduled meeting on 9/11 was reschedule to 9/18 due to inclement weather****

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

Councilmember Pattisue Elliott

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mayor Pro-tem Bruce Burt

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 Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the minutes of the August 14th regular council meeting. Vote was 3 ayes with Travis Ferguson abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the August 2017 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Assistant Fire Chief, Fred Schmalz, brought before the Mayor and Council Firefighter Scott Oglesby. Assistant Chief wanted to recognize him for his hard work in achieving Georgia Certified Firefighter Status. The Mayor and Council commended Scott for his achievement.

Joan Caldwell spoke on behalf of Bill Hardaway. The topic was exploration of a Mountain Bike Trail. She provided the Mayor and Council with information containing various facts and statistics pertaining to mountain bike trails. She also informed them that Mr. Hardaway would be meeting with someone soon to discuss the costs of a concept plan to use to apply for grants.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the 2016-2017 Budget Resolution. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to move the funds from the DRC account to the DDA account, to close the DRC account, and the funds to be used to pay for the Downtown Decorations Invoice for Christmas decoration. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

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Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Travis Ferguson to enter into an agreement with Nextsite 360. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening commended City personnel for all their hard work before, during and after the recent hurricane that affected the Manchester area.

He noted that the mural had been completed and the ribbon cutting had been earlier that afternoon. He commended the artist, John Christian, for his good work.

Councilmembers, Pattisue Elliott, Travis Ferguson and Solomon Ferguson also expressed their thanks to city employees for their hard work during the storm.

City Manager, Doug Westberry commended his staff for their work during the storm. He relayed to the Mayor and Council that limb pickup from storm debris had been somewhat slow. He explained the driver's for Dependable Waste were CDL logged drivers and are only permitted to log so many hours based on DOT guidelines. Because limb pickup is heavier than normal recently they had gotten behind but should be able to catch up soon. He also reminded everyone to pile yard debris away from power line as it cannot be picked up if it is under them.

He reminded everyone of the Keep Meriwether Beautiful cleanup day scheduled for Saturday September 30th from 8 -4. He stated that there would be 2 dumpsters set up by the mill and others throughout the county. The county will also accept scrap tires at their public works facility.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson to enter into executive session at 5:45 PM. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson to reconvene the regular session at 6:02PM. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Travis Ferguson to charge the Flint River Gun Club \$1000 per year to lease the property on Nebula Rd with no maintenance to be provided by the City. Vote was unanimous 4 ayes.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn at 6:04 PM. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening