

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2020 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Mayor Brening call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Reverend Joe Harrington with First United Methodist Church gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the agenda, seconded by Judy Foster. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the March 9th, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the March 23<sup>rd</sup> special called council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the March 25<sup>th</sup> special called council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Mike Brening, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the March and April Treasurer's Reports. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve Pay Request 6 for the USDA Water Treatment Plant project. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the Flint River Gun Club Lease for the period of January 1, 2020 until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the \$150,000 EIP/RLF loan to HMP Enterprises. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening recognized the previous week (May 4-8) as Municipal Clerk's Week. On behalf of himself and the council, he thanked City Clerk Lea Spell for her work as clerk.

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The Mayor also expressed his thanks to all City of Manchester employees for their hard work during the Corona Virus pandemic. He noted that all employees had stepped up and worked diligently to keep the city running smoothly during such an uncertain time.

He also reminded councilmembers to be on the lookout for home repairs being made without a building permit issued by the city. He noted permitting was required in order to ensure the work was done properly and property owners wouldn't have problems in the future.

Councilmember Judy Foster informed everyone that the Manchester Development Authority and the President Theater was offering a drive in movie night at the Industrial Park on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson asked City Manager Doug Westberry about the status of work provided by Dependable Waste. Mr. Westberry responded by stating the company had experienced shortages of help recently and had fallen behind on various tasks. He also noted certain policies of the company had changed due to the Corona Virus pandemic. He further referenced complaints about yard debris that had not been picked up. He explained that much of the debris was not included in the City's agreement with Dependable – such as debris associated with entire clearing of lots. Mr. Westberry stated this type of debris was being handled on a case by case basis with the City's code enforcement.

Mr. Westberry further commented by announcing a new agreement for the City to treat and dispose of sewage received from Greenrock, Inc. He explained that the company had been disposing waste at facilities in Atlanta however the fees had increased to the point it was not feasible for disposal there anymore. He further stated permission had been granted from the EPD to Manchester for disposal of the waste at a significant savings to the company. By providing this service, the City anticipates a significant stream of revenue.

In final comments, Mr. Westberry referenced tentative plans to reopen City Hall in its normal capacity on or around June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion made to adjourn at 5:45 PM by Solomon Ferguson. Motion seconded by Judy Foster. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

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City Clerk Lea Spell

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Mayor Michael J. Brening