

**MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
March 13, 2023
5:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Foster Pike
Councilmember Jimmy Dyer
Councilmember Quardez Warrior
Councilmember Nell Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Mark Pullium
City Clerk Angel Fowler
City Attorney Nathan Lee
Police Chief Gray Couch
Utility Director Sam Summers
Fire Chief Ben Williams
Recreation Director Tangela Cummings

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

City Manager Pullium gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to adopt the March Agenda, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the February 13, 2023 minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the February 8, 2023, work session minutes.

No administrative/fiscal/Appointments

No Appearances or Public Comments

Mayor Brening made the motion to continue the Public Hearing for the Cell Tower Ordinance until next council meeting on April 10th, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve AMWASTE rate increase on garbage pickup, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved. The new rate increase will be on the May billing.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to go into a contract with Rye Engineering for acoustic water line leak detection, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to authorize City Manager Pullium to engage with Georgia Rural Water Association to complete a rate study for Water & Sewer, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made a motion for City Manager Pullium to contact Meriwether County Commissioners about removing the gas tanks at 500 4th Ave. as part of their agreement with the City of Manchester and to follow up with a letter, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

City Manager Pullium gave this monthly Budget Report.

Old Business

Update on the road repairs, spray patching and mastic; Sam is inspecting every road being paved. Crosswalks at the Fire Department, they have not been installed.

No New Business

Mayor Comments:

Bridge Dedication will happen after it is approved by the Senate.

Railing on Main Street is still not finished and some railing needs to be repaired.

Thank Ms. Judy for filling in for him while he was out.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Wilkins: last month was black history month and a lot of different information is coming forth about citizens in town and their history.

Transparency of the Council.

Diversity and Inclusion training.

New officers need to be introduced to citizens and business owners.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike: MDA closed on the land and property sold to Eccomelt at Industrial Park. MDA has received several grants totaling \$250,000.

Councilmember Warrior: glad the bridge is open.

City Manager Report:

City received an Unmodified Opinion Audit, and all reports are completed.

The city has worked very hard to have a balanced budget and increase the city's fund balance.

Councilmember Wilkins wanted to know why there was fund balance differences. (referring to the audit report graph)

Crawford Grading has completed the fire hydrant maintenance and repair and came under budget at \$207,755.00, Mayor Brening made the motion to approve payment, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Department Head Comments:

Fire Chief Ben: Drew Ferguson saw the ladder truck out in front of the fire department and commented on how good it looked and how the city is progressing.

Recreation Director Tangela: the city hired a new Senior Center Director Kimla Anderson, thanks to Audrey Labriola who help fill in while looking for a new director.

No City Attorney comments:

Mayor Brening made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and potential litigation, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved at 6:35 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to come out of Executive Session, Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved, at 7:11 pm.

Mayor Brening made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, approved.

Mike Brening, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk