

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

June 13, 2022, 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

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Invocation given by City Mayor Pro Tem Pike followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Warrior to adopt the June 13th Agenda, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pike to approve the May 9, 2022 minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Warrior to approve the May 4, 2022, work session minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Warrior to appoint Walter Brown to Planning & Zoning Board after the resignation of Kay Harbin, Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Wilkins to appoint Jamie Hall to the Manchester Development Authority, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Carlos Rodriquez who lives at Scenic Heights spoke to the council how he loses water pressure at his house at different times of the day, Utility Director Sam Summers advised the council that he did check the PSI at Mr. Rodriquez location and he does have good water pressure. Mr. Summers will look into installing a meter that will track water pressure differences. Mr. Rodriquez also advised the council there are no sidewalks at Scenic Heights and it was part of an understanding that sidewalks would be installed. Mayor Brening advised that installing sidewalks at this time would not be feasible.

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Mayor Brening made the motion to pay Flint Facilities the difference between their bid and what it actually cost to pave several streets in Manchester, the difference was \$136,000.00. Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made a motion to contract with Tax Specialist of Georgia-Southeast, LLC to collect sales taxes paid by Contractors on major projects, the city does not pay sales tax, but the contractors the city uses must pay it. Tax Specialists will submit the taxes paid to the state for reimbursement. Councilmember Dyer seconded, Councilmember Warrior and Mayor Pro Tem Pike approved, Councilmember Wilkins opposed.

No Old Business

New Business: Mr. Glen has requested a moratorium on any cell tower applications so that an ordinance can be approved by the city council, Mayor Brening made a motion to place a moratorium until September 30, 2022, on any cell towers applications until the ordinance can be approved, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mr. Glen Gosa advised the council that the city has been absorbing the cost of Engineering Plan Review, at the rate of \$125.00 per hour. It is the recommendation of the City Manager Pullium to charge the \$125.00 per hour for Plan Review, Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the amount, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Wilkins made a motion to go into Intergovernmental Agreement with Meriwether County to collect the Property Taxes for the City of Manchester, this will be a year-to-year agreement, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved. City Manager Pullium advised the council this will save the city money.

Mayor Brening, the roof at Callaway Center is in process, materials have been delayed. The bridge will reopen October 2022. The Mural will be finished by the end of week. On June 23, 2022, there will be a ribbon cutting at the mural for Kinetic/Windstream for providing internet to the city. DOT has approved flashing lights at the school crossing on Perry Street. Fishing will start back at Rush Creek as soon as the signage is put up. The parking lot behind the business on Main Street needs to be cleaned and have some landscaping done and the deed on the parking lot does not match the deed that was found.

Councilmember Wilkins, the city should have a dedication for the new bridge by Representative Debbie Buckner. There will be a Juneteenth celebration at the middle school from 4:00 to 9:00 pm, with food trucks and vendors.

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Mayor Pro Tem Pike said the President Theater is doing well. Commended Nneka Carter on her hard work applying for the Rural Downtown Development Grant and everyone that helped her.

Councilmember Warrior, sadden by the loss of one of the youths in Manchester who just graduated from high school. Meeting with Freddie Brown, from GMA, will get those minutes/discussion available.

Councilmember Dyer, the city moving forward in a positive way

City Manager Pullium, the city audit is complete, the auditors will present the audit soon. June 23, 2022, at 5:00 pm there will be public meeting to discuss the 2022/2023 Budget and immediately following public meeting there will be a called council meeting. July 2, 2022, at the Mill will be the July 4th Celebration with fireworks, vendors and a band starting at 6:00 pm.

Fire Chief Ben Williams advised the council that a company installed a sidewalk for Ms. Rebecca Buchanan at 18 Kennedy Blvd, because she is in a wheelchair and has turned over several times in her yard in her wheelchair. Rick and Carla Rickerson donated a handicap van to Ms. Buchanan. Mr. Rickerson, who is a retired firefighter, saved Ms. Buchanan life after she had her car wreck.

Utilities Director Sam Summer, still dealing with a lot of leaks in town

No City Attorney report.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate at **6:18 pm** Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to come out of Executive Session at **6:35 pm**, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to provide the Quit Claim Deed to Vicki Weaver, Councilmember Warrior seconded, approved.

Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved. **6:40 pm.**

