

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
August 14th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt

Councilmember Pattisue Elliott

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Chief Gray Couch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

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

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the minutes of the July 10th regular council meeting. Vote was 3 ayes with Pattisue Elliott abstaining.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Pattisue Elliott to approve the July 2017 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Dan Griffin had requested to be placed on the agenda but was not in attendance at the meeting.

City Manager Doug Westberry recognized Fire Chief Roderick Jolivette for his accomplishment with completing the process that awards the professional designation of "Chief Fire Officer" (CFO). This designation was offered by the Center for Public Safety Excellence. Chief Jolivette is one of only 1,262 CFO's worldwide.

Bonnie Hancock and Misty Dunn appeared before the Mayor and Council to discuss issues pertaining to dangerous dogs. Ms. Hancock noted that pit bulls have become a serious problem in many communities. Ms. Hancock and Ms. Dunn offered recommendations to the council about ways to help the city with handling them. Some of the suggestions were to require homeowner's to obtain specific insurance for dangerous dogs, taxing citizens who choose not to spay and neuter, as well as to seek grants for spay and neuter clinics. The Mayor and Council agreed to further explore these options with the city attorney.

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Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adopt a Resolution to Amend 2016-2017 Fiscal Budget. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Pattisue Elliot to approve the Hunting Club Lease with Thomas Calk with a date change to reflect September 15, 2017 until September 15, 2018. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening noted that Robinson Paving had been awarded the contract to repave Perry St and that October 9th was the target start date on the project. He also mentioned that flashing signs designating the area in front of the high school as a school zone had been ordered by the Georgia Department of Transportation and should be installed soon.

Mayor Brening wanted to give special recognition and thanks to Angie Shirah for all her efforts in ensuring the Back to School Bash was a success.

The Mayor also updated the council on the renovation project scheduled to begin soon at the Manchester McDonald's restaurant. He stated that the project cost is approximately \$800,000 and will include the installation of 2 drive through lanes. He also noted that the investments being made to local franchises such as McDonald's indicate that the businesses are doing well and are positive indicators of reinvestment in the City of Manchester.

City Manager Doug Westberry informed the council that he was still waiting on a formal report from the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency regarding the abundance of suds found in the creeks last month.

He updated them also regarding several meetings he had attended in the past month on behalf of the city.

He commended the school system for their school year kick-off event held at the auditorium and expressed his enthusiasm of the direction of the system.

Pattisue Elliott and Mr. Westberry relayed information they had gained at a meeting with a company that Georgia Power is partnering with, Nextsite 360. The company is a type of private group retail marketing consultants. Their business conducts market studies and the like to determine the needs of communities that Georgia Power services. Nextsite 360 also reaches out to business on behalf of cities as specific market needs are determined. Georgia Power has announced that they would cover the vast majority of the cost of their services which allows cities to take advantage of their services at a greatly reduced rate.

Mr. Westberry stated that the cost for the City of Manchester would be \$2500 per site/corridor for a 3 year time period.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt giving a directive and allowing Mr. Westberry to reach out to Nextsite 360 for preparation of a contract for the City Attorney to review.

Sealed bids were opened at the meeting for the LMIG paving contract for Foster Street and S. W. J Ted Anderson Drive. Wolford Contracting Company bid \$121,053.20, Flint Facilities Maintenance bid \$111,007.50 and Robinson Paving's bid was incomplete.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliot, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to accept the low bid in the amount of \$111,007.50 from Flint Facilities Maintenance. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt at 6:24 PM and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening