

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
June 12th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening
Mayor Pro Tem Bruce Burt
Councilmember Travis Ferguson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee
City Manager Doug Westberry
City Clerk Lea Spell
Chief Gray Couch

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson
Councilmember Pattisue Elliott

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.

Approval of the minutes for the May 8th Public Hearing, May 8th Regular Meeting, and May 18th Special Called Meeting was delayed until the next regular meeting.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the May Treasurer's report. Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Rosemary Bolton of 510 E. Main St came before the council to express concern over loose dogs on her street. She stated that she had been in contact with animal control on several occasions but the situation remained a problem. The council advised Ms. Bolton, as well as her neighbors, to take pictures of the dogs in their yard for law enforcement to use as evidence for any future court proceedings.

Carla Stephens appeared before the Mayor and Council to notify them of an event that several local business owners are planning on hosting in the near future. The event will be known as the Manchester Marketplace and plans are for it to be held on varying Saturdays from 8 AM until 2 PM. Highlights of the marketplace will be locally grown produce offered for sale by vendors and possibly some types of handcrafts.

She further explained that the event would be held on the sidewalks on Main St. and also in the parking lot adjacent to Manchester Farm and Garden. The hosting business owners are hoping to provide a valuable shopping experience that would be beneficial to the community as a whole. She explained the goals of the event as increased foot traffic for existing local retail establishments, bringing consumers to the area that may not typically shop in Manchester, and also to provide a beneficial service to the citizens of Manchester whose grocery and consumable options may otherwise be limited.

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The Mayor and attending Councilmembers expressed support for the endeavour. It was determined that the event could be held without incurring municipal fees for the year 2017 until the level of interest and participation could be evaluated.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Travis Ferguson to adopt the 2017- 2018 Budget Resolution as presented. Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Travis Ferguson to adjourn at 5:35. Vote was unanimous with 3 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening