

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
March 13th, 2017
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Michael J. Brening

Councilmember Travis L. Ferguson

Councilmember Pattisue Elliott

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:

City Attorney Nathan Lee

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Chief Gray Couch

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

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the February 13th minutes, seconded by Travis Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Pattisue Elliott to approve the combined minutes of the February 2nd and February 13th town hall meetings. Motion approved by vote with 3 ayes and Councilmember Solomon Ferguson abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson seconded by Pattisue Elliott to approve the February 13th public hearing minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the February Treasurer's report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Veronica Dowell with Twin Cities Youth and Family Services appeared before the council to provide information about the group's underage drinking and alcohol awareness program. She noted that the program is geared towards schools in Manchester and Lagrange. She also informed the council of a health fair event the organization will be holding at George Washington Elementary on April 29 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Monroe Hildebrand came before the council to answer questions and provide information on the Flint River Gun Club which leases property from the city. After the discussion, the council voted to renew the lease as is from January 1st, 2017 until December 31, 2017. Motion was made by Pattisue Elliot and was seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

It was understood by all parties that next year's lease would include an increase in the amount of the lease.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott, seconded by Travis Ferguson to re-appoint Mike Brening to the Downtown Development Authority. Vote was 3 ayes with Mayor Brening abstaining.

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Motion made by Pattisue Elliott and seconded by Travis Ferguson to appoint City Clerk, Lea Spell, as Election Superintendent. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Pattisue Elliott and seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Sale of Surplus Property. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Mayor Brening commended the opening of new businesses in town as well as improvement and successes of existing businesses. He also noted that the replacement streetlight project had begun by Georgia Power and should be completed by the end of the week.

Councilmembers Pattisue Elliott noted that the investments being made in the community were being made by private investors and that she hoped the momentum continued. Councilmember Travis Ferguson concurred and noted the importance of being optimistic instead of pessimistic.

City Manager Doug Westberry updated the council on a recent tourism event, the Magic City Rail-quest CITO (Cash In, Trash Out) Geocache. He explained that it kicked off on Sunday March 12 with a turnout of about 25 geocacher's. The participants clean up the area first before searching for caches.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening