

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9th, 2019 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

Councilmember Bruce Burt

Councilmember Judy Foster

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Police 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 Travis Ferguson to adopt the agenda, seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the November 11th, 2019 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Mike Brening to approve the November 11th, 2019 public hearing minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the November 2019 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Nneka Carter with the Manchester Development Authority informed the Mayor and Council that a grant had been received from the Callaway Foundation for renovations to the Mill. She noted that the grant was in the amount of \$100,000 and will be used towards Phase One of the Mill renovations. Phase One includes electrical upgrades and bathroom renovations.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the 2020 Council meeting dates. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the 2020 Employee Holiday Schedule to include Veteran's Day. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the Kendall Supply invoice in the amount of \$35,121.00. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to reappoint Joan Caldwell, Randy Nesmith and Judy Foster to the Manchester Development Authority for a term beginning January 1st, 2020 and expiring on December 31st, 2022. Vote was 4 ayes with Judy Foster abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the updated Georgia Department of Transportation radar street list. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Retiring Councilmembers Travis Ferguson and Bruce Burt both expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to serve and thanked fellow members for an enjoyable tenure.

The Mayor offered his thanks to the Georgia Department of Transportation for the changes to the stop light at the intersection of 5th St and Perry St.

Mr. Brening gave his thanks to Councilmember Bruce Burt and Councilmember Travis Ferguson for their 20 years of service to the City of Manchester. He commended them for their hard work and dedication to the citizens of Manchester.

He also announced that immediately following the January 2020 council meeting a reception would be held in honor of Mr. Burt and Mr. Ferguson, he asked that they please invite their family and friends to enjoy refreshments that evening.

Police Chief Gray Couch updated the Mayor and Council on two recent shootings. He stated that an arrest had been made but 2 other suspects were still being sought for the November 17th incident and that the victim was out of the hospital and recovering.

In regards to the shooting on the 27th, there have been no arrests but the victim had fully recovered.

City Manager Doug Westberry gave thanks to retiring Councilmembers Bruce Burt and Travis Ferguson stating how much he appreciated their faith in his abilities and for being granted the opportunity to work with them.

Motion made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Travis Ferguson to adjourn at 5:47 PM. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening