

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 9TH, 2020 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Police Chief Gray Couch

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Mayor Brening call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Reverend Jimmy Copeland gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to approve the agenda, seconded by Judy Foster. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the February 10th, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Judy Foster to approve the February 2020 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Nneka Carter with the Manchester Development Authority was not in attendance.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve Pay Request 5 for the USDA Water Treatment Plant project. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Manager Doug Westberry informed the Mayor and Council that there had been several requests for Sunday alcohol sales. He and City Attorney Nathan Lee briefly described the actions that would need to be taken in order to proceed. It was determined that the Mayor and Council would consider the request and let Mr. Westberry know before the next council meeting whether to proceed.

Mayor Brening congratulated the 11/12 recreation department basketball team for their recent state championship win. He also reminded everyone that baseball signups are underway and would be extended until the end of the current week.

Also noted was the Police Department's current efforts to remove abandoned cars from city roadways. Chief Couch stated that he had placed notifications on approximately 13 cars and 9 had been removed in a short period of time with only 2 requiring the city to utilize a towing service.

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Councilmember Judy Foster stated that the most recent event at The President Theater had been a tremendous success. She noted that the venue had sold out for the event.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson inquired of a recent citizen complaint regarding a fire hydrant located too close to a handicapped parking space. He was informed that the hydrant was scheduled to be moved. Also noted was that the Fire Chief had checked for other hydrants in improper locations and the ones he had discovered were to be moved as well.

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer referenced his recent attendance at the University of Georgia for Newly Elected Officials Training. He stated that he enjoyed the experience and had gained useful information.

City Manager Doug Westberry updated the Mayor and Council on the recent excessive amounts of rainfall. This situation has caused storm water drains to overflow their capacity at times which in turn has caused 2 sewage spills. He stated that the proper notifications were made and monitoring of the conditions would be ongoing as required by the EPD. He also informed the council that the EPD had 229 spills reported throughout the state of Georgia during the same time frame.

Mr. Westberry also informed the Mayor and Council of turbidity issues at the water treatment plant due to the excess of rainfall. This problem is requiring extra filtering at the plant and causes the water tanks to fill slower than usual. He asked that customers be mindful of this situation and conserve as much as possible.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn at 5:42 PM. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening