

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
September 12, 2022, 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Foster Pike
Councilmember Jimmy Dyer-did not attend meeting
Councilmember Quardez Warrior
Councilmember Nell Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Mark Pullium
City Clerk Angel Fowler
City Attorney Nathan Lee
Police Chief Gray Couch
Utility Director Sam Summers
Fire Chief Ben Williams
Recreation Director Tangela Cummings

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance given by Mayor Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Pike requested to amend the agenda to include MDA Business as 6 (a)
Councilmember Warrior made the motion to adopt the agenda to include MDA Business,
Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the August 8, 2022, minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the August 3, 2022, work session minutes, Mayor Brening seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the Special Called Meeting on August 29th and not August 25th, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

No Administrative/Fiscal/Appointments

No Appearances

Mayor Brening read a Proclamation recognizing Ms. Mae Walker as one of the oldest citizens in Manchester.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to renew the Bow Hunting Lease, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

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Mayor Pro Tem Pike advised the council that several members of the MDA did not meet the residency requirements and will have to be replaced. The following members will be replaced:

Randy Nesmith replaced by Glen Gosa
Clint Connell replaced by Suzanne Pengelly
Jamie Hall replaced by Solomon Ferguson
Joan Caldwell replaced by Donnie Brown
5th seat Willie Dewberry will be appointed

Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to approve appointments, Councilmember Warrior seconded, Mayor Brening approved, Mayor Pro Tem Pike abstained from voting.
Mayor Brening thanked everyone that has served on the MDA.

City Manager Mark Pullium spoke to the council about taking the city's extra funds and putting the monies into a Georgia Fund One Account, where the money will draw interest at a higher rate than traditional banking accounts. City Manager requested that the council close the CD at Colony, agree to establish new accounts for Georgia Fund One and sign the Resolutions authorizing the accounts. Councilmember Warrior made the motion, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

City Manager Pullium updated the council on the city budget, the Department Heads are doing a good job staying within their budget or under.

Property Taxes have not started coming in yet.

City is building up the TSPLOST Fund and nothing has been spent out of that account since the paving.
ARPA money came in after the budget was done, but the city does have the cash on hand.

No old Business

New Business:

Kathy Storey will be leaving October 31st and City Manager Pullium would like to hire Abbot, Jordon and Koon, CPA to provide bookkeeping for the city. AJK will draw up a contract with the city in the next couple weeks. Mayor Brening liked the idea to have an outside company to do the books, this will provide better checks and balances and possibly save the city money in the long run. The city needs to move on this now.

Mayor Comments:

The Proclamation to rename the Lane Street Bridge has been postponed until a later date.

Homecoming Parade will start at East Main Street and the Homecoming game will be at 7:30 pm.

Need to work on School Safety.

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Meeting with Amwaste went well and the city is seeing progress and there will be a future meeting soon.

Mayor Brening thanked the department heads that helped clean up the back alley.

Well wishes to Councilmember Dyer who is under the weather and could not attend meeting.

Council Comment:

Councilmember Wilkins commented about the tax sale and GTS tax fees.

Potholes on 5th Street and Max Anderson.

Olivia Fowler-her disappearance

Thanked Police Department for patrolling businesses in town.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike -no comment

Councilmember Warrior – no comment

City Manager:

Auditors are working on the 2021/2022 audit

City has applied for a Grant for the Big Lazer Creek Dam project

RFP has been posted for Water Tank repairs and maintenance program

The roof at the gym is complete

The city is getting quotes for the potholes

Meals on Wheels trying to purchase a new van through Three Rivers

Proud of the Police Department

Chris Laney from GTS was present to address the process of collecting back taxes and the fees associated with this process. City Manager Pullium wanted GTS to clear up any misunderstanding that the council or citizens may have on the process.

No City Attorney Comments

Department Head Comments:

Police Chief Gray Couch updated the council on the murder that happen on Linda Lane, with the assistance of Meriwether County K-9 the suspect is in custody and the GBI is investigating the case.

Fire Chief Ben Williams received a grant for a Utility Terrain Vehicle for Emergency Medical Services

Recreation Director Tangela Cummings, Gym is back open, pickle ball will be Monday and Thursday at 5:00 pm, sign up for flag football and Volleyball has begun

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Utility Director Sam Summers, still working on water leaks in town.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Mike Brening, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk