

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
July 10, 2023
5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Foster Pike
Councilmember Jimmy Dyer
Councilmember Quardez Warrior
Councilmember Nell Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT:

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

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

Jeremy Hendricks from First Baptist Church of Manchester gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the July agenda, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the June 7, 2023, work session minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the June 12, 2023, regular session minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the June 12, 2023, Public Hearing minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, Councilmember Dyer approved, Councilmember Wilkins abstained (was not present at meeting)

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve June 20, 2023, Budget Work session minutes, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the June 20, 2023, Special called meeting minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Penny Hale had requested to be on the agenda to discuss the proposed rock quarry, but she was unable to attend.

Appearances & Public Comments:

Ms. Tonya Doctor spoke to the council about some harassment she had been receiving, her concern was that she had been trying to get a police report on an incident that happened at her house. She needed this report to start a log of different incidents. There was a misunderstanding if the police report existed according to Ms. Doctor when she spoke to dispatch. City Manager Pullium will make an appointment with Ms. Doctor and the Police Chief to get more information and do his best to help Ms. Doctor with her request.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to appoint Michael Shadix to the Pine Mountain Library Board. Mayor Brening seconded the motion. All approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the 2022/2023 Budget Adjustments, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Old Business:

Mike Patel from Manchester Wine & Spirits had requested another 2 months to open his store, sometime in August.

The air conditioning at the community building has been fixed. Still have the problem with water running into a barrel. Council wants the plumbing fixed to pipe water out of the building.

Councilmember Wilkins thanked everyone that attended Juneteenth.

No New Business:

Mayor Report & Comments:

Bridge dedication July 17, 2023, at 11:00 am, need 25 chairs, ceremony may take approximately 2 hours.

Crosswalks will be installed on Perry Street, hopefully before school starts.

Thanked Ben & Melissa for the CPR training.

Thanked Jodi Sharpe and Team for their hard work on the July 3, Celebration, it was smooth and well organized.

Jodi Sharpe, Executive Director of the MDA and Suzanne Pengelly, Director thanked the Police & Fire department for all their help and presented each department a check for \$1000.00 to go toward any equipment or supplies they may need.

Council Comments:

Councilmember Wilkins, is there an ordinance for bounce houses? Are they allowed on private property?

City Manager Pullium advised that bounce houses are not allowed on city property, due to liability issues.

City Managers Report:

Georgia Fund One has made \$154,000 in interest.

Need to look at a pay policy for Fire and Police, the police department is down 5 officers and can't keep officers due to what the city is paying officers, which is below the pay rate compared to other cities. Mayor Brening wanted to know if it's more than just pay, not enough vacation time, holiday pay, insurance or retirement. Is there an exit survey done for all employees that leave? Councilmember Wilkins, what about job fairs, the city needs to be competitive with pay. Mayor Pro Tem Pike, does the city need to provide more training? We want our community to be a happy and safe community.

Leachate has slowed down due to no rain.

Need Intergovernmental Agreement with Warm Springs for the Mountain Springs project.

Zoning for Mountain Springs Project to mixed use.

Create Restoration Code Ordinance, Intergovernmental Maintenance Code Ordinance.

City Attorney, working on quiet title for parking lot formerly owned by Manchester Merchants.

Department Supervisors Report:

Utility Director Sam Summers, lift station pumps are installed, water booster pumps were delivered, Maintenance on tanks are on schedule.

City Manager Pullium advised the council that the scope of work change order has been submitted to the governor's office for approval. The change in scope will move the lift station out of the flood plain and add a much-needed grit chamber & bar screen.

Judy Foster Pike, Mayor Pro-Tem

Angel Fowler, City Clerk