

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
October 9, 2023  
5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**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 5:06 pm.

City Manager Pullium gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the October 9, 2023, agenda, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the August 25, 2023, Special call meeting minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the August 31, 2023, Work Session Minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the September 11, 2023, Public Hearing minutes, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the September 11, 2023, Regular Session Minutes, Mayor Brening seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made a motion to appoint Mark Trimble and Anthony Clifton to the Land Bank Authority, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the following members to the Downtown Development Authority, Laura Murphy, Vanessa Teague, Summer Shohfi, Carla Stephens, Clint Connell, Suzanne Pengelly and Quardez Warrior, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to go into contract with Mike Stewart to do a storm water utility study and contract with Turnipseed Engineering to do a feasibility study. Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Meriwether County Tax Commissioner had sent the tax rollback sheet to the city for approval of 16.677, which the city did approve, Meriwether County then sent a revised rate of 17.025. Mayor Brening made the motion to ratify the rate to the 17.025, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

The November work session of the city council needs to be moved to November 15, 2023, at 9:00 am and November 21, 2023, at 5:00 pm for the regular meeting due to scheduling conflicts with two council members. Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the changes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

### **No Monthly Budget Report**

### **No Old Business**

### **No New Business**

### **Mayor Comments:**

Disappointed there is not going to be veteran parade.

Election coming up for Mayor and 2 councilmembers.

What is the time frame for the gas tanks to be removed by Meriwether County.

### **City Manager comments:**

Police Chief Couch and the new code enforcement officer are working on enforcing the new Ordinances, giving the violators a time frame to clean up and to provide proof where they took the junk to either the landfill or they paid Amwaste to pick it up.

### **Department Head comments:**

Chief Couch advised the council that the person living in yard on Mays Way has been removed from the property and was also arrested for drugs.

Talbot County Sheriff has agreed to take the city prisoners after the jails closes. Still working with Meriwether County Sheriff. Setting up a meeting with Brin Jones with E-911 for dispatching. The police department has issued 12 citations for passing the stopped school buses in September alone. There will be a cancer walk this Saturday at 10:00 am, this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual walk.

Fire Chief Williams said all outdoor burning has been banned, but the Bray Village project was given a burn permit by the county.

Utility Director Summers, Bray Village Subdivision sewer construction looks good and are going to pour the first slab in 2 weeks.

Mayor Brening made the motion to adjourn, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved. 6:08 pm

