

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 12TH, 2021 5:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Mayor Pro Tem Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster Pike

Councilmember Quardez Warrior

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Chief Gray Couch

Interim Fire Chief Ben Williams

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Pastor Brian Gibson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made to approve the agenda by Judy Foster Pike and seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Quardez Warrior to approve the March 8th public hearing minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Judy Foster Pike, seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the March 8th regular meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Nneka Carter with the Manchester Development Authority appeared before the council with an update on upcoming events. She informed the council that a fair/carnival event was scheduled to be held the first week in May at the Mill. She also requested permission to resume the farmer's market type event as in the past and that the vendor fees be waived. Plans are for the event to be held in the downtown area on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the Surplus Equipment Resolution. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Quardez Warrior to approve the Flint River Gun Club Lease for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Quardez Warrior to approve a Resolution for a Moratorium on the Issuance of New Licenses for Vaping Establishments in the City of Manchester. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

In the Mayor's report, he noted several business activities occurring around town such as the continued construction of the new Dollar General, anticipated expansion and remodel of the Family Dollar store, other properties that had gone under contract, Frontier Ambulance hiring additional employees and the significant number of houses sold in the Manchester area. He also noted that signups for all age groups had begun for T-ball, baseball and softball. He further stated plans to reopen the splash pad on or around Memorial Day.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson acknowledged complaints about garbage pickup around town, particularly with yard debris and bulk items, noting that proper guidelines needed to be determined. City Manager, Doug Westberry, requested that a work session be scheduled to discuss the matter and develop appropriate procedures.

Councilmember Quardez Warrior noted damage made to yards and roads in the area of Tim Brown Drive by railroad construction and the movement of heavy equipment. Mr. Westberry said that the damage was being recorded in order for a claim to be made with the railroad.

In the City Manager's comments, he reminded everyone of the countywide cleanup being held Saturday April 17th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM with the drop off site being moved from the Mill to the old Public Works Facility on Magnolia Dr.

Mr. Westberry also mentioned the Governor's new executive order as it pertains to COVID-19. The order is good through the end of the month of April. It eliminates the gathering ban, shelter in place order, reduces distance requirements and eliminated the ability of law enforcement to shut down events.

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Motion made to adjourn into executive session for personnel matters at 5:59 by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Judy Foster Pike. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made to exit from executive session at 6:30PM by Quardez Warrior. Motion seconded by Judy Foster Pike. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson to adjourn the regular meeting at 6:31 PM. Motion seconded by Jimmy Dyer. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Mike Brening