

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
December 12, 2023  
5:00 pm

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Mike Brening  
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 5:03 pm

City Manager Pullium gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Brening made motion to approve the December 12, 2023, agenda, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the November 15, 2023, Work Session Minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the November 15, 2023, Called Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the November 21, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the November 21, 2023, Public Hearing Minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the November 30, 2023, Special Called Meeting minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to authorize Turnipseed Engineering to issue a call for bids for design, contract administration and inspection services for Storm Drainage improvements on the following streets, Foster Street, Ruby Street, Second Street and Windsor Drive, for a total of \$36,000, funding source will be TSPLOST. Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to appoint Jimmy Mitcham to fill the unexpired term of Willie Dewberry and Beverly Wadsworth to fill the unexpired term of Judy Foster Pike to the Manchester Development Authority, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the Downtown Development Authority terms of office, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

	Terms Expires
LARUA MURPHY	December 31, 2024
SUZANNE PENGELLY	December 31, 2024
CLINT CONNELL	December 31, 2026
VANESSA TEAGUE	December 31, 2026
CARLA STEPHENS	December 31, 2028
SUMMER SHOEFI	December 31, 2028
QUARDEZ WARRIOR	RUN CONCURRENT WITH HIS TERM ON CITY COUNCIL 12/31/2027

**Old Business:**

City Manager Pullium is currently working on a grant with Southeast Crescent Regional Commission to secure more funding for the Community Building project. There is overwhelming support for the renovation of the Community Building. The community building is a Historical Building and is the centerpiece of the community.

The audit is scheduled to be finished soon before the end of the year.

Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) funds will be earmarked for Kennedy Blvd and hopefully the contractors will repave the area around the Bray Village project.

The gas pumps have not been removed; the county is in the process of taking bids for removal.

The Storm water project is moving forward and TSPLOST money will be used for the feasibility study.

Meriwether County had contacted the city to possibly start charging the city for E911 services, City Manager Pullium advised this would be a violation of House Bill 389.

**New Business:**

A letter has been sent to Amwaste to dissolve the contract and an RFP will be issued to bid out trash pickup only, leaf and limb will not be included in request for bids.

**Mayor Comments:**

There was an unfortunate incident that happen in the community with a young man getting shot the day before the state playoff. Coach Holmes took the game to heart for his teammates and will need all the prayers to help support the players. Mayor Brening would like the city to recognize the Football Team soon.

Mayor Brening said he became Mayor in 2016 and the years have ended overnight and some things that he is proud of that have taken place during his administration are the dedication of a bridge to a fallen soldier, new homes on Scenic Heights, fiber optic in town, new radio read water meters, upgraded patrol, fire, recreation and utility vehicles. Splash pad and new city park equipment. "I just wanted to make Manchester a better place to live, work and play."

**Council Comments:**

Councilmember Warrior said the community came together for Manchester game, but unfortunately, they didn't win, but played a great game. Prayers for Brandon Smith family and hope justice is served very soon.

Thanked the 911 dispatchers for their years of service and dedication.

Thanked Mayor Brening and Councilmember Dyer for their time and working with them.

Wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Dyer, I enjoyed most of the time on council and have had to make decisions that he really didn't like to make.

Welcomed Mayor Elect Mark Trimble and recognized the staff.

Would like to recognize the Manchester High School Football Team at some point.

Truly miss Ms. Judy Foster and Tracy Stevens.

Wished everyone Merry Christmas.

**Department Head Comments:**

Chief Couch the last week has been rough with the investigation and hope to resolve it very quickly. Appreciate working with Mayor Brening and Councilmember Dyer.

Fire Chief Williams thanked Mayor Brening and Councilmember Dyer for all their support of the fire department. November calls are cut in half this month. Merry Christmas.

Recreation Director Cummings appreciated the dedication to the Recreation Department, Councilmember Warrior has been a coach for years and supported the Recreation Department and Councilmember Dyer has always been at games and supported recreation.

Utility Director Summers thanked the council for the new meters, fire hydrants and equipment and to enjoy their retirement.

**City Manager-NA**

**City Attorney-NA**

**No Executive Session**

Mayor Brening thanked his wife for attending the meeting.

Mayor Brening wished Mayor Elect Mark Trimble the best and handed over the gavel to him.

Mayor Brening made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved, meeting adjourned at 6:21 pm.

