

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
August 14, 2023
5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening-Did not attend
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 Pro Tem Pike called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

City Manager Pullium gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the August 14, 2023, agenda, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

July 5, 2023, work session minutes will be approved at the September meeting, no quorum at meeting that was at work session. Councilmember Wilkins obtained from voting.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the July 10, 2023, meeting minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the special called meeting minutes from July 25, 2023, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Adoption of Code of Ordinance:

Unsafe Building-Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to approve, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Blighted Property-Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to approve, Councilmember Dyer seconded, Mayor Pro Tem Pike approved, Councilmember Warrior abstained.

Residential & Commercial Building Maintenance-Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Residential Rental Dwelling Unit Inspection & Maintenance Program-Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve, Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved.
Councilmember Warrior wanted to add Hotel/Motel and vacation rentals.

Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance- still on working on wording.

No Monthly Budget reports.

Old Business:

Councilmember Wilkins wanted to know the outcome of the meeting with Ms. Doctor, City Manager Pullium advised the meeting went well and Ms. Doctor got her report and was satisfied.

No New Business

No Mayors Report

Council Report & Comments:

Councilmember Wilkins commented on a fight that started at a gas station and ended up in front of the Police Department the previous weekend. She spoke about respect from the people fighting and police department.

City Manager Report:

Qualifying August 21, 22 and 23rd from 8:30 to 4:00

Police Department is being more visible at the schools, police department will do regular visits to the schools with the K-9,

Public Safety is high priority for the City of Manchester

The council will need to consider a Public Safety Pay Plan and will need to be voted on in the near future to attract police officers, firefighter and have the resources to keep the ones you have.

Water & Sewer rate study that was prepared by City Manager Pullium needs to be adopted to keep the city's bond rating, have funding to maintain the water & sewer system, the water system needs to be able to fund and maintain itself.

The council will need to vote on the Millage Rate, but the council will need to determine if they will raise taxes, close the jail or have other options to consider.

City Manager Pullium advised he will be resigning September 11, 2023.

Councilmember Wilkins wants to know if there are other options besides closing the jail. She agrees that public safety employees do need a raise.

Department Supervisors report:

Recreation Director Tangee Cumming, football is in full swing, have started movies on the lawn. Anyone reserving Lilly Owens Park will have to have liability insurance, someone destroyed a door that cost \$1000 to replace.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Mike Brening, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk