

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Mike Brening-left at 6:18  
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.

Fire Chief Ben Williams gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Councilmember Warrior made a motion to approve the March 13, 2023, minutes to add Councilmember Wilkins statement about the difference in the Fund Balance. Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the March 8, 2023, work session minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

The Public Hearing for the Cell Tower Ordinance was continued from the March Meeting, the city does not currently have an ordinance on cell towers. This Ordinance would regulate future cell towers and their placement. No one spoke for or against the ordinance, the only question from the audience was *whether the city needed a cell tower ordinance?* Mayor Brening made the motion to adopt the Ordinance, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to approve the payments for services through the \$3.1 million ARPA grant project, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

a. American Tank Maintenance	\$157,160.00
b. Hofstadter Engineering Associates	\$ 78,881.95
c. Construction	\$ 5,298.61
d. Carol's Consulting-Contract Administrator	\$ 9,000.00

Councilmember Wilkins made a motion to adopt the new ordinance on Purchasing, giving the City Manager a \$25,000 spending limit. Department Heads will have a \$1000.00 spending limit, anything over that amount will be approved and monitored by the City Manager. Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to adopt the City of Manchester Restoration Plan presented by Mark Trimble, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to table the appointments of the Downtown Development Authority, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

**City Manager Pullium presented his monthly budget report.**

There was a discussion about Windsor Drive storm drain problem and Trigville sewer issue, because the quote was so large, Councilmember Warrior made a motion to place these out for bids, Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved.

**No Old Business**

**No New Business**

**No Mayor's report**

City Council Comments:

Councilmember Wilkins: trees and scrubs on MLK and Perry Street need cutting back, 3<sup>rd</sup> and Fifth Street is all grown up.

Councilmember Dyer thanked Mark Trimble for his excellent presentation at the work session.

**City Manager Report:**

Changing the May work session from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>, in order to have a presentation from Ms. Angela Bray on Storm Water Utility.

Dr. Elna Poulard with Family Support and United is trying to start a summer program and eventually an after-school program.

**City Department Head reports.**

On April 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am there will be a dedication at the Mite Field for the new score board that was donated by JoAnn Britt & her son in honor of her husband Mitch Britt.

Chief Gray Couch reported a multi-agency concentrated patrol was conducted with increased police presence in the community resulting in three drug arrests.

**No Executive Session**

Being no further business Councilmember Dyer made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

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Mike Brening, Mayor

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Angel Fowler, City Clerk