

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 11TH, 2021 3:00 PM

ORIGINAL MEETING DATE AUGUST 9TH, 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:

Interim City Manager Mike Stewart
City Clerk Lea Spell
City Attorney Nathan Lee
Chief Gray Couch
Fire Chief Ben Williams

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Solomon Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made to approve the agenda with the addition of (3b), adding Mark Trimble to appearances, and moving (4g), Recognition of Firefighters, to (4a) by Jimmy Dyer and seconded by Quardez Warrior. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Judy Foster Pike, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the July 12th regular meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Judy Foster Pike to approve the July 20th called council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion was made by Judy Foster Pike, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the July 27th joint called council meeting minutes with the Manchester Development Authority. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Mark Trimble, as a member and on behalf of the Friends of Manchester organization, appeared before the council to present the groups appreciation to Manchester citizen Atticus Mathis for his community clean up efforts. Mr. Trimble further explained that the Friends of Manchester planned to publicly acknowledge and offer a small token of appreciation each month to various individuals.

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The Mayor and Council presented Distinguished Service Awards to FF Adam Lovvorn, FF Laura Jackson, FF Kenny Harris, FF Scott Oglesby, MFD Auxiliary Firefighters, and members of the Meriwether County Fire Rescue and Flint Hill Volunteer Fire Department for their efforts in extrication of an occupant from his residence during a structure fire at 625 Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

Motion made by Quardez Warrior and seconded by Jimmy Dyer to enter into a contract with Paving Repair Solutions for pot hole repair in the city. Each section of repair will be contracted individually and any paving repairs exceeding \$20,000 are to be put out for bid. The City of Manchester is to also receive proof of insurance coverages as per contract prior to commencement of repairs.

Motion made by Mike Brening and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to accept a proposal from Keck & Wood for pavement management with costs not to exceed \$6,000. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes. Providing this service will include preparation of a base map of all roadways within the city with a report of condition for all roads.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster Pike, to approve A Resolution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Manchester to Establish Procedures and Rules for Citizens to Address the Mayor and Council at City Council Meetings; To Set an Effective Date; And for Other Lawful Purposes. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Jimmy Dyer, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the 2021-2022 Hunting Lease between the City of Manchester and Thomas Calk for the operation of a hunting club on City of Manchester property. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster Pike, seconded by Quardez Warrior to reappoint Hannah Flynn to the Meriwether County Department of Health. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Attorney Nathan Lee requested that Agenda item (4f), "Georgia DOT ROW Acquisition SR 190" be discussed in executive session.

The Mayor and Council discussed amongst themselves and with the City Attorney new requirements for adding a referendum to election ballots pertaining to package sales. The Mayor and Council requested the City Attorney proceed with research.

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In the Mayor's comments, he recognized the efforts made by Code Enforcement personnel and noted the many improvements made over the last few months.

Interim City Manager, Mike Stewart, mentioned the deadline for the City Manager position was nearing and asked how the Mayor and Council would like to proceed with the applicants. He was directed to present to the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem the most qualified applicants and they would proceed from there.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Quardez Warrior to enter into executive session for the purposes of real estate. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Quardez Warrior to exit out of executive session. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made to adjourn at 5:12 PM by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Jimmy Dyer. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Mike Brening