

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster

Councilmember Jimmy Dyer

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

Police Chief Gray Couch

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

Motion made by Judy Foster to approve the agenda, seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020 regular council meeting minutes. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the January 2020 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Carl Hofstadter with Hofstadter and Associates came before the council to present and explain 3 change orders on the USDA Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation project. The first, he explained, involved the dam at Lazar Creek. Upon beginning of the construction, it was discovered that a significant amount of erosion, due to prior flooding, had occurred. This required expansion of the original dam construction plans. The second change involved replacing the concrete slab covering the wetwell at the Lazar Creek Pump Building. The third change request is for backwash sludge pond bypass piping at the treatment plant.

Motion made by Mike Brening, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the change orders at a total of \$269,920 (\$245,420.00 construction amount and \$24,500.00 engineering amount). Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Nneka Carter with the Manchester Development Authority appeared before the council to give a brief update. She stated that plans were progressing for a festival this summer as well as organization of the Manchester Market Days. She also noted that phase one of the Mill repairs were slated for bid solicitation soon.

Manchester citizen, Robbie Jones, came before the council with various concerns and questions pertaining to his thoughts on the overall direction of Manchester. Councilmember Judy Foster explained to Mr. Jones that the council was very much aware of the problems he had brought to their attention.

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She further explained that the Mayor, Council and other citizens of the community were working diligently to address these issues.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Jimmy Dyer to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement Regarding the Conducting of the 2020 Municipal General Election for the City of Manchester. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve Pay Request 4 for the USDA Water Treatment Plant project. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

In the Mayor's comments, he reminded everyone of the upcoming special election to fill the vacant District 1 Post 2 council seat. He stated that 3 individuals had qualified for the post - Quardez Warrior, Nicolas Martin, and Vic Tuszynski. He also noted that the election would be held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The Mayor also encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Census count. In his final remarks he gave the next Meriwether Clean Up date as April 25, 2020.

City Manager, Doug Westberry, gave a brief update stating that the City had experienced 2 sewer spills over the weekend mostly due to the unprecedented amounts of rainfall.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to adjourn at 6:18 PM. Vote was unanimous with 4 ayes.

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City Clerk Lea Spell

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Mayor Michael J. Brening