

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

July 11, 2022, 5:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening
Mayor Pro Tem Judy Foster Pike
Councilmember Jimmy Dyer
Councilmember Quardez Warrior
Councilmember Nell Wilkins

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Mark Pullium
City Clerk Angel Fowler
City Attorney Nathan Lee
Police Chief Gray Couch
Utility Director Sam Summers
Fire Chief Ben Williams

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

Invocation given by Beth Neely-Hadley, Chairman, Meriwether County Commissioners, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Warrior to adopt the July 11th Agenda, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pike to approve the June 13, 2022, minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Dyer to approve the June 8, 2022, work session minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pike to approve the June 23, 2022, called meeting minutes, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

No Administrative/Appointments

No Appearances from the Public

The Splash Pad located at 121 Perry Street was dedicated to Vic Dowis for his years of service to the City of Manchester and Recreation Department, he was presented with a Proclamation and Plaque from the city. The Splash Pad will be named the Joseph "Vic" Dowis Splash Pad, established in 2019.

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Councilmember Warrior made the motion to accept the letter of engagement from Mauldin & Jenkins to complete the City of Manchester's audit for \$44,000.00, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made motion to enter into Intergovernmental agreement with Talbot County to keep the Local Option Sales Tax percentages the same, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to renew the contract on Aging with Three Rivers, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to adopt the revision of the Alcohol Beverage Ordinance. The update would allow non-profit organizations that have filed with the state as a 501.c3 an on-premises arts license whose primary purpose is to present productions or performances of an artistic or cultural nature. An on-premises arts license permits the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages only to patrons of the productions or performances for consumption inside the licensed premises in connection with the productions or performances. Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

Old Business-fishing at Rush Creek has started July 11th from 8:00 to 5:00 each day.

New Business- Mayor Brening made a motion to renew the Harris County Inmate Agreement, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Roof is finished at the Senior Center, the gym floor is destroyed by termites and needs to be replaced and due to the circumstances, this can be considered as an emergency, the cost is will approximately \$70,000, Councilmember Warrior made the motion to replace the gym floor, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening roof at Senior Center complete at the cost of \$206,000. The parking lot behind Main Street needs to be cleaned and striped. Fishing has started at Rush Creek. The ribbon Cutting for Kinetic was a success with a great turn-out.

Councilmember Wilkins Max Anderson Drive & King Street has potholes and needs to repaired, research on the alcohol ordinance.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike no comments

Councilmember Warrior fireworks on July 2nd was a success.

Councilmember Dyer enjoyed the Dedication for Vic Dowis.

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City Manager Pullium, the city is in negotiations with Meriwether and Talbot County on the Local Option Sales Tax.

City Attorney- no comment

Chief Couch- no comment

Utility Director Sam Summers, Booster pump went out, but is now fixed.

Recreation Director Tangela Cummings appreciated the council approving the gym floor.

Fire Chief Ben Williams, no comment.

Adjourn at 6:12 pm, Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to adjourn, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mike Brening, Mayor

Angel Fowler, City Clerk