

MINUTES  
OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL  
January 9, 2023  
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 5:05 pm.

City Manager Pullium gave the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to amend the agenda to include Election Superintendent, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Dyer made the motion to approve the December 12, 2022, meeting minutes, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the December 7, 2022 special called meeting, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to renew Judy Foster Pike, Donnie Brown and Danny Wadsworth to the Manchester Development Authority, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved, Mayor Pro Tem Pike abstained.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to appoint Elizabeth Trimble and Rosemary Bolton to serve on the Planning & Zoning, Councilmember Wilkins seconded, all approved.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to renew the appointments of Willie Dewberry, Minnie Terry and Richard Klenhard to Planning & Zoning for the term to end 12/31/2025, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

**No Administrative/Fiscal/ Appointments**

**No Appearances or Public Comments**

Councilmember Wilkins made the motion to approve the Council Meeting Schedule for 2023 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 5:00 pm, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike made the motion to approve the 2023 Work Session Schedule for the Wednesday before council meeting the following Monday, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule, Councilmember Dyer seconded, all approved.

Mayor Brening made the motion to surplus the listed equipment, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded, all approved.

- 1985 Ford C8500 Snorkel
- 1998 GMC Utilimaster Box Truck
- Eagle Air System Compressor & air fill station
- Miscellaneous mowers that do not function

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to appoint City Clerk Angel Fowler as the Election Superintendent, Councilmember Dyer seconded the motion, all approved.

City Manager Pullium gave the monthly Budget report.

**Old Business:**

City Manager Pullium advised the council that Mike Patel dba Manchester Wine & Spirit has requested an extension on opening his business to July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. The delay was due to contractor and supply issues. Mr. Patel did pay his \$5600.00 for 2022 license and will pay for 2023 when he is ready to open July 1<sup>st</sup>. Councilmember Dyer made the motion to extend Mr. Patel opening to July 1<sup>st</sup>, Councilmember Warrior seconded, all approved.

American Tank Company has started the renovations on the Mt. Ridge Tank, Mays Way in February, others to follow.

Talbot County had a bad leak, that drained the city tanks.

A Fire Hydrant was hit by a vehicle and has been repaired.

**New Business N/A**

**Council Comments:**

Councilmember Dyer n/a

Councilmember Wilkins: why are there cameras being put up in town, she is getting calls about the cameras spying on them. Councilmember Wilkins said she didn't know about them.

City Manager Pullium advised the council the cameras were approved in the capital outlay of the 2022-2023 budget. The cameras were installed because of not enough officers, help with investigations and to alert officers of suspended license, tags, etc.

Mayor Pro Tem Pike wish we had more than we do and put some on Scenic Heights.

Councilmember Wilkins and Councilmember Warrior would like to know what the return on the investment of the cameras.

Councilmember Wilkins MLK Parade January 16<sup>th</sup>

Pike n/a

Warrior n/a

**City Manager Comments:**

The auditors have finished the audit for the city, just waiting for some more information from Manchester Development Authority.

A letter will be going out to all residents covering, back flow prevention device, disconnection of services and leaf & limb pickup.

**Department Head:**

Fire Chief Ben Williams- ladder truck is in full service.

Utility Director Sam Summers: DOT still waiting on railing for the new bridge and a final inspection.

Crawford still work on fire hydrants and helping with all the leaks that happen during the freeze.

Mayor Brening made the motion to go into Executive Session for Potential Litigation, Councilmember Warrior seconded the motion, all approved. 6:09 pm.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to come out of Executive Session, Councilmember Wilkins seconded the motion, all approved. 7:06 pm.

Councilmember Warrior made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Pike seconded the motion, all approved. 7:10 pm