

**City of Manchester**

**February 8, 2023**

**Work Session**

**9:00 am**

Present: Mayor Brening, Mayor Pro Tem Pike, Councilmember Dyer, Councilmember Warrior, Councilmember Wilkins.

Mayor Brening called the work session to order at 9:06 am.

1. Big Lazar Creek Dam Update: the city has applied for a GEMA and FEMA grants, updated Hazard Mitigation plan with the support of Meriwether and Talbot County, the amount of the grant is \$670,000.
2. Flock Camera Clarification: City Manager discussed when the flock cameras were approved by the council in the budget process. The council approved the cameras in December after the police vest were going to be purchased by a grant funds which moved the cameras up. All the cameras are not set up yet; still waiting on DOT to approve the permit to put the cameras on DOT right of way.
3. Qualifying Fees-Qualifying fee will remain the same as adopted on April 9, 2003.
4. Water Towers Update-tanks are on schedule with renovations.
5. Fire Hydrants Update-repairs on the fire hydrants is complete, there was some disruption in service in some locations and the fire department is in the process of flushing all the hydrants to get rid of stained water/air in lines. Each fire hydrant will be color coded to indicate the PSI on that hydrant. The fire department did provide water to expecting mothers and mothers with children.
6. Water/Sewer System Project Update-continued improvement on water loss, city received a quote from a company that will come and check water mains with a listening device for leaks. City crew is getting leaks fixed within 24 hours. City Manager Pullium discussed having a rate study done on the city's water/sewer rates, the city has an obligation to make sure there is enough revenue to cover all the bonds outstanding.

## 7. Other Items

- a. City Manager Pullium showed the council and people attending the back flow device and how it works. It will be the obligation of the homeowner to install, no permits from the city will be required.
- b. Judson Bulloch roundabout will start soon, DOT will pay for half of the utility relocation.
- c. Georgia Fund One has earned approximately \$55,000 in interest.
- d. Paving & repairs are still on going.
- e. Hilltop Apartments pavement cracking, who owns the property, the city or housing authority?