

CITY OF MANCHESTER
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2022
12:00 PM
CITY HALL

The City of Manchester held a special called council meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 12:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Councilmember Barbara Colter, Councilmember Russell Gregory, Councilmember Darnell Hipsher, Councilmember Betty Meredith, Councilmember Earl Owens, Councilmember Penny Robinson, Councilmember Charles Weaver, and Councilmember City Attorney Jenna Corum was also in attendance. Mayor James Ed Garrison called the meeting to order. Pray was led by Councilmember Earl Owens and pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Garrison.

Approval of the agenda was next on the agenda. Councilmember Betty Meredith made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by Councilmember Charles Weaver. The roll call vote is as follows:

Barbara Colter-Yes
Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Penny Robinson-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

The roll call vote shows council members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Approval of regularly scheduled city council meeting minutes Tuesday, January 18, 2022, was the next item on the agenda. Councilmember Barbara Colter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Councilmember Darnell Hipsher. The roll call vote is as follows:

Barbara Colter-Yes
Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Abstain
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Penny Robinson-Abstain
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Abstain

The roll call vote shows 5 council members voting yes, 3 abstain. Motion carried.

Discussion of supply increase was next on the agenda. Josh Murphy, Chief Water Plant Operator addressed the council on chemical and electrical bills increasing due to inflation of supplies, discussion followed. Kenneth Martin, Chief Wastewater Plant addressed the council on increases of chemicals, pumps, and supplies. Kenneth also spoke of comparisons to other cities in our area, discussion followed. Scott Robinson, Garbage Truck Driver addressed the council on increases of transfer station fees and amount of garbage being collected in the city limits, discussion followed. General Supervisor Mike White addressed the council on purposed water, sewer, and garbage rate increases, discussion followed.

Y-Hollow property and incentive program for new businesses was next on the agenda brought before the council by Tim Parks, Tourism Director, Manchester Tourism Commission. Tim informed the council the tourism commission approved minutes to purchase the Y-Hollow property and resolution for First National Bank of Manchester, discussion followed. Tim also informed the council of the possibility of offering incentive packages to attract new businesses to the city limits, discussion followed.

Resolution No. 2022.02.22.01 A Resolution Authorizing Signatures on First National Bank of Manchester Signatures Cards was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Betty Meredith. The resolution was read aloud by City Attorney Jenna Corum. Councilmember Betty Meredith made a motion to approve the resolution as read, seconded by Councilmember Traci White. The roll call vote is as follows:

Barbara Colter-Yes
Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Penny Robinson-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

The roll call vote shows council members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Resolution No. 2022.02.22.02 A Resolution Authorizing Signatures on PNC Bank Signature Cards was the next item on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Betty Meredith. The resolution was read aloud by City Attorney Jenna Corum. Councilmember Betty Meredith made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilmember Charles Weaver. The roll call vote is as follows:

Barbara Colter-Yes
Russell Gregory-Yes

Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Penny Robinson-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

The roll call vote shows council members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Right of way for property on Beech Creek Road was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Charles Weaver. Jeff Martin of Martinsville, IN addressed the council on gaining access to property on Beech Creek Road that adjoins city property via easement or right of way of city property. The access was discussed and will be decided on at a later date.

Work Session for City Council and Mayor was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Penny Robinson. Councilmember Robinson stated she would like to have work sessions prior to the regularly scheduled council meetings each month to have discussion of topics, discussion followed. Councilmember Penny Robinson made a motion to have an ordinance made to set work session before regularly scheduled city council meeting to be set on Friday prior beginning at 12:00 pm at City Hall, Councilmember Traci White seconded the motion. The roll call vote is as follows:

Barbara Colter-Yes
Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Penny Robinson-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

The roll call vote shows council members present voting yes. Motion carried.

Mayor Garrison's comments was next on the agenda. Mayor Garrison informed the council that the salt truck has been ordered and work on the sewer pump is ongoing.

With no further business to come before the council at this time a motion was made by Councilmember Darnell Hipsher to adjourn.

James Ed Garrison, Mayor

Sarah Gregory Woliver, City Clerk