

CITY OF MANCHESTER
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2019

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Manchester City Hall. The meeting was presided by Mayor Lonnie Norman. Present for the meeting were Mayor Norman, Vice Mayor Nickels, Alderman French, Alderman Howard, Alderman Bellamy, Alderman Messick, Alderman Elam, Attorney Ewell, Finance Director Anderson, Police Chief Yother, Fire Chief Chambers, Codes Director Sain, Public Works Interim Director Gannon, Information Systems Director Smotherman, Water/Sewer Assistant Director Foster, Recreation Director Gamble, Executive Administrative Assistant Keele, and other employees and citizens. Absent was Water/Sewer Director Pennington and City Engineer St. John.

The meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor John Amspaugh and the pledge to the flag was spoken in unison.

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman French made a motion to approve the Board of Mayor and Alderman Minutes, BOMA Beer Board Minutes for June 4, 2019. The motion was second by Vice Mayor Nickels and approved by call of the roll 6-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Finance Director Anderson read the latest water quality grade report of 100 from TDEC.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR:

Mayor thanked everyone that participated in the TML Conference in Memphis

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS:

None

COMMITTEES:

Safety Committee- Alderman Elam nothing to report.

Finance Committee- Vice Mayor Nickels nothing to report.

Street Committee- Vice Mayor Nickels stated last meeting no quorum and they would be discussing a knuckle boom truck.

Water /Sewer Commission- Alderman Bellamy stated no meeting in July.

Recreation Commission- Director Gamble reported next recreation commission meeting would be on 7-11-19, and they will be holding a Fourth of July concert and fireworks at Rotary Park.

Tourism Development Commission- Alderman French stated nothing to report.

Planning Commission – Vice Mayor Nickels nothing to report.

Information Systems Committee- Director Smotherman stated nothing to report.

Historic Zoning Commission- Alderman Messick stated they had not been able to meet for a lack of quorum.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES:

Resolutions:

- a. A resolution approving a contract with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation to install restrooms and lights at the Manchester soccer complex at an estimated cost of Three Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$336,000); sponsored by Alderman Elam. Alderman Messick made a motion to approve the resolution and second by Alderman Howard. Mayor Norman called for roll and the resolution passed with a vote 6-0.
- b. A resolution annexing Two and Twenty-Five Hundredths Acres of property owned by J.J. Manchester, LLC fronting on Hospitality Blvd., plan of service.; sponsored by Vice Mayor Nickels. Attorney Ewell stated that Director Sain had been contacted by the property owners requesting that the resolution be deferred until next month.
- c. A resolution authorizing acceptance of a project Diabetes Grant in the amount of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000) for renovation of the Riverview School; construction of a park, greenhouse and outdoor recreation center on the Riverview School property, which imposes a continuing management obligation on the City of Manchester; sponsored by Alderman Elam. Mayor Norman opened the floor up for discussion and Alderman Messick questioned about the renovations that were needed. Director Gamble stated she did not know at this point what renovations were needed until she meets with the county school board and an engineer. Alderman Howard made a motion to approve the resolution and second by Alderman Bellamy. The resolution passed with a vote 5-1, Alderman Messick voting nay.

Ordinances:

- a. 2nd reading of an ordinance to allow for the partial payment of real property taxes; sponsored by Vice Mayor Nickels. Vice Mayor Nickels made a motion to approve the ordinance and second by Alderman French. Mayor Norman asked for the roll to be called and the ordinance passed on second reading 6-0.
- b. 1st reading of an ordinance zoning 2.25 Acres owned by J.J. Manchester, LLC recently annexed into the city as C-2 Commercial; sponsored by Vice Mayor Nickels. Attorney Ewell stated this ordinance was part of the resolution that Director Sain was asked to defer until next month.
- c. 1st reading of an ordinance amending portions of Title 14 Chapter 6 of Manchester Municipal Code relative to minimum lot requirements; sponsored by Vice Mayor Nickels. Vice Mayor Nickels made a motion to approve and second by Alderman Howard. Mayor Norman asked for the roll to be called and the ordinance passed 5-1, with Alderman French voting nay.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Mayor Norman discussed the submitted applicants for the Historic Zoning Commission. Alderman French made a motion to approve Larry McIntosh and Jimmie Bryan to the Historic Zoning Commission.

Alderman Elam second the motion and Mayor Norman called for the roll. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

- Mayor Norman discussed the applicants that had submitted for the Duck River Utility Board. Alderman French made a motion to approve James Wilhelm to the Duck River Utility Board, and the motion was second by Vice Mayor Nickels. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.
- Mayor Norman asked that the board approve George Gannon to Public Works Director from Interim Public Works Director. Alderman Bellamy made a motion to approve George Gannon as Public Works Director and the motion was second by Alderman Messick. The motion was passed 6-0 vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Alderman French stated that the new Coffee County Historic Museum would is scheduled to have the grand opening on 7-4-19, and there would be an ice cream social and other activities downtown at that time.
- Alderman Howard made a motion to drop the proposed greenway extension from the Manchester Coffee County Conference Center to Bonnaroo, and Alderman Messick second the motion. The floor was open to the public to speak and discussion ensued by several property owners regarding the greenway extension between Riverview School to Bonnaroo. Charlotte Christenson spoke regarding a petition she had signed by the property owners of the Riverview School to Bonnaroo greenway extension. Alderman French informed Ms. Christenson that the route that was on the floor for discussion was not that route, but a totally separate route, and the proposal that is being discussed is not the Riverview to Bonnaroo route. Alderman French clarified for the homeowners in attendance the route of the proposed extension that was on the floor for discussion, and that extension would begin at MCCCC and end on Powers Road. Alderman Howard asked the board to “knock it in the head” and vote against the extension. Vice Mayor Nickels discussed amending Alderman Howard’s motion to include a partnership of tourism and Bonnaroo to share in the cost. Director Gamble stated that the money cannot be used for anything else but this project and the money will have to be turned back in. Mayor Norman called for a vote and Alderman French made a motion to amend Alderman Howard’s motion and include the addition of creating a partnership, the amended motion was second by Vice Mayor Nickels. Mayor Norman asked for the roll to be called on the amended motion. Alderman Howard, Alderman Messick, Alderman Bellamy voted nay. Mayor Norman breaking the tie to pass the vote 4-3. Alderman French clarified that now the motion will contain the language of a partnership. Mayor Norman asked for the roll to be called and Alderman French stated this vote is on the motion to “knock it in the head” unless there is a partnership that funds it. Roll was called with Alderman Howard, Alderman Bellamy, and Alderman Messick voting nay. Mayor Norman’s yay vote broke the tie, and the amended motion passed 4-3.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN:

- Alderman Messick thanked the group of citizens for attending the BOMA meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Being no other business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. The Mayor advised the Beer Board Meeting is next.

SIGNATURES:

Mayor Lonnie Norman

Executive Administrative Assistant Keele