

CITY OF MANCHESTER
WORK SESSION CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023
12:00 PM
CITY HALL

The City of Manchester held a work session meeting on Friday, January 13, 2023, at 6:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Councilmember Russell Gregory, Councilmember Betty Meredith, Councilmember Earl Owens, Councilmember Dorothy Sizemore, Councilmember Charles Weaver, and Councilmember Traci White. Also in attendance was City Attorney Jenna Corum. Absent was Councilmember Darnell Hipsher and Councilmember Josh Jackson. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Collins. Prayer was led by Councilmember Earl Owens, pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor Collins.

Discussion of garbage issues inside the city limits was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Charles Weaver. Discussion started with weight limit on bags of garbage to be changed from seventy-five pounds to forty pounds. Discussion continued with going from 4 half days of garbage route pick ups for the rack truck to 2 full days of garbage route pick ups to free up a employee for other tasks. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was discussion of golf course expenses brought before the council by Councilmember Charles Weaver. Discussion was referred to three years of income and expenses on the golf course with ideas and options to improve. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was stray animal problem in East Manchester brought before the council by Councilmember Dorothy Sizemore. Mayor Collins informed the council he spoke to Trenton Couch the new Animal Control Coordinator and he stated he would start patrolling the area more. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was GPS in city owned vehicles brought before the council by Councilmember Charles Weaver. Councilmember Weaver stated that he, Councilmember Traci White and Councilmember Earl Owens watched a webinar on GPS in vehicles and how it worked, discussion followed. Councilmember Weaver stated the Ambulance Service of London uses these devices to track their vehicles. Mayor Collins stated he may go over and see how they like the program. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was discussion of East Manchester water and sewer line plan for future repairs brought before the council by Councilmember Charles Weaver. Councilmember Weaver stated that several residents in East Manchester had ask him about updates to the water and sewer lines that are collapsing and causing trouble in some areas of the community. Mayor Collins stated he was working with multiple agencies to get money for the repairs, discussion followed. No action taken.

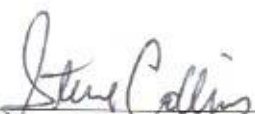
Next on the agenda was discussion of Roscoe Marcum property, walking trail was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Russell Gregory. Councilmember Gregory ask if there was a deed for use of the property as a walking trail, discussion followed. Mayor Collins stated he reached out to Roscoe Marcum concerning the property that is for sale and ask if himself and heirs to the property would be interested in selling that plot of land for use to the city, discussion followed. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was discussion of becoming a Bee City brought before the council by Councilmember Russell Gregory. Councilmember Gregory ask if the new mayor council members would be interested in Jimmy Sizemore coming back to address on how the city can become a Bee City, discussion followed. No action taken.

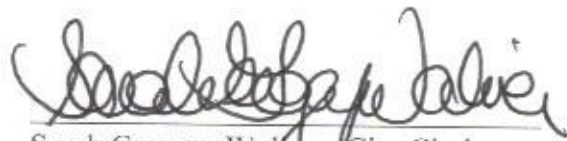
Next on the agenda was discussion of cellphones for city council members brought before the council by Councilmember Traci White. Councilmember White stated that after attending a KLC training in London several council members became concerned about their personal cellphone being subject to open records if there was a lawsuit against the city, discussion followed. No action taken.

Next on the agenda was discussion of council members pay brought before the council by Councilmember Earl Owens. Councilmember Owens stated all surrounding cities pay their council and thought our city council should be paid as well. Discussion followed concerning the amount of pay benefits and terms. No action was taken.

With no further business to come before the council at this time the meeting was adjourned by Mayor Collins.



Steve Collins, Mayor



Sarah Gregory Wolfer, City Clerk