

CITY OF MANCHESTER
SPECIAL CALLED CITY COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2023
12:00 PM
CITY HALL

The City of Manchester held a special called city council meeting on Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 12:00 pm at City Hall. In attendance were Councilmember Russell Gregory, Councilmember Darnell Hipsher, Councilmember Josh Jackson, Councilmember Betty Meredith, Councilmember Earl Owens, Councilmember Dorothy Sizemore, Councilmember Charles Weaver, and Councilmember Traci White. City Attorney Jenna Corum was also in attendance. 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.

Planning and zoning board appointee replacing Jeff Ruth was first on the agenda. Mayor Collins recommended Ethel Martin to replace Jeff Ruth. Councilmember Traci White made a motion to approve Ethel Martin to the planning and zoning board, seconded by Councilmember Charles Weaver. The roll call vote is as follows:

Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Josh Jackson-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Dorothy Sizemore-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

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

Housing Authority appointee replacing Willie Sizemore was next on the agenda. Mayor Collins recommended Deanne Hensley to replace Willie Sizemore. Councilmember Darnell Hipsher made a motion to approve Deanne Hensley to the Housing Authority, seconded by Councilmember Traci White. The roll call vote is as follows:

Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Josh Jackson-Yes
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Dorothy Sizemore-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes

Traci White-Yes

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

Discussion of council members pay was next on the agenda brought before the council by Councilmember Earl Owens. Councilmember Owens stated that he had talked to the public about the council getting paid and they all seem to be for them getting a salary, discussion followed. Mayor Collins passed out information from area cities that are our size to show their council pay, discussion followed. Mayor Collins stated he has tried to conserve since he has been in office, the police department is short a officer, and with previous employees gone the city should start to see some savings, discussion followed. Councilmember Darnell Hipsher stated that the ordinance pay should be lowered to \$400, discussion followed. Councilmember Betty Meredith made a motion for the council pay to be set at \$150 a month plus a city issued cellphone, seconded by Councilmember Traci White. The roll call vote is as follows:

Russell Gregory-Yes
Darnell Hipsher-Yes
Josh Jackson-No
Betty Meredith-Yes
Earl Owens-Yes
Dorothy Sizemore-Yes
Charles Weaver-Yes
Traci White-Yes

The roll call vote shows 1 council member present voting no, 7 voting yes. Motion carried.

First reading of Ordinance No. 2023.01.23.01 An Ordinance Establishing Pay for the City Council of Manchester, Kentucky brought before the council by Councilmember Earl Owens was next on the agenda. The ordinance was read aloud by City Attorney Jenna Corum with the corrected amount of \$150.00.

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


Steve Collins, Mayor


Sarah Gregory Woliver, City Clerk