

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

**Monday, October 24, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Manning City Hall**

Council Present:

Mayor Nelson
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Dukes
Councilmember Georgia
Councilmember Gordon

Members Absent:

E= Excused; U= Unexcused

Mayor Pro-tem Pack- E
Councilmember Welle- E

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
The following media representatives were present:

News Media present: *Konstatin Vengerowsky , The Item
Sharon Hall, The Manning Times*

- II. Invocation:** Minister Bennie Epps, The Faith Center, Manning, SC.

- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Diane Georgia.

IV. Swearing-In of Newly Elected Official:

District 5- Julius Dukes, Jr.

Mr. Dukes was sworn in as Councilmember for District 5 by Attorney Shawn Kent.
Then Mayor Nelson formally welcomed Mr. Dukes to Council.

V. Approval of Agenda:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

VI. Minutes :

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council, September 19, 2016.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council, September 19, 2016. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

VII. Citizens' Comments: None.

VIII. Committee Reports: None.

IX. Public Presentations:

1. Service Award.....Mayor Julia Nelson

Mr. Jay Wilder..... Municipal Election Commission.

Mayor Nelson stated that Mr. Wilder had resigned due to increased work obligations. In addition, Mayor Nelson read a letter from Mr. Wilder thanking Councilmember Davis for nominating him and thanking Council for allowing him to serve on the Municipal Election Commission. Then, Mayor Nelson stated that a plaque was given to him earlier today in appreciation of his service.

2. Second Chance Animal Shelter..... Mrs. Donna Stegmoyer

Mrs. Stegmoyer stated that the purpose of the Second Chance Animal Shelter is to provide shelter for unwanted abandoned animals and to seek adoption of the animals. Mrs. Stegmoyer stated that the shelter is a non-profit 501-C3 organization which raises money through donations, memberships, fundraisers, grants and the operation of a thrift store.

In addition, Mrs. Stegmoyer stated that the shelter is a no-kill, low-kill shelter and their goal is to return dogs to their rightful owners, or put them in a rescue program. As of 2015, they have rescued 560 dogs with a save rate of 99.9%. The shelter also promotes population control through a program of spay and neuter. They have spayed a total of 1,317 animals as of August 2015 and have adopted out 115 dogs and 18 cats. Mrs. Stegmoyer thanked Council for their donation of \$1,000 per quarter. Next, Mayor Nelson asked Council if there were any questions. There were none. Mayor Nelson thanked Mrs. Stegmoyer for her presentation.

**3. Project Update.....C. Douglas Clary, Jr., P.E.
Hybrid Engineering, Inc.**

Mr. Clary showed a slide presentation giving an update on the 3-Phase Expansion of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Clary to explain the significance and importance of upgrading the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Clary stated that industrial prospects will need water and wastewater services. After completion, the city will have 5 million gallons a day of treatment capacity ready to go into operation. The upgrade would help draw industrial prospects to Manning while also providing jobs and raising the quality of life to the residents. Mayor Nelson stated that the expansion is a great investment for the future and that when opportunities come, the city will be ready to accept future growth.

Mr. Clary also recognized and thanked Mr. Hardy and his group, the contractors, Mr. Paul Sereg and everyone involved in the expansion project. Mayor Nelson thanked Mr. Clary for his help through the years.

X. Finance Director's Report: The Finance Report will be given out at a later date due to computer problems caused by the Hurricane Matthew storm.

XI. Mayor's Report:

Mayor Nelson thanked the Public Safety, Police, Fire and Public Works team members for working during hurricane Matthew and for the time they invested in helping the public.

Next, Mayor Nelson asked Councilmember Dukes to serve on the Public Safety Committee. Mayor Nelson stated that normally, the committee members are assigned after every election; however, Councilmember Davis was asked to serve until the seat for District 5 was filled.

XII. Administrator's Report:

Mr. Tanner thanked the Public Works and Public Safety departments for all they did during the most recent storm.

Clarendon County became eligible for assistance through FEMA. The city has submitted initial paperwork to FEMA for reimbursement of overtime incurred in the Public Safety departments during the storm and also for reimbursement for expenses incurred in picking up debris.

The city applied for and was awarded an Economic Development Grant in the amount of \$25,000 through the Municipal Association. The grant would assist in the city's Retail Initiative. The city was one of 8 recipients in the state awarded the grant.

The contractors are demolishing homes in the Fleming Neighborhood. Two homes have

been demolished and the project should be completed within a couple of weeks. A total of five structures will be removed during this cycle. One camera will be put up as a part of the crime watch initiative portion of the project.

The WWTP Phase II Project continues to do well. A project meeting with USDA representatives will be held tomorrow.

Mr. Tanner stated that he was in contact with representatives from SCDOT concerning the Mill St. Enhancement Project. The city was awarded \$400,000 two years ago. The project was bid twice and came in over-budget both times. SCDOT will be making changes, from a regulatory stand point, that may bring the bids down when it goes out to bid again in the first of the year.

Mr. Tanner stated that he was notified that Depot, Collins and Keitt Streets will be paved soon as a result of the extra money in "C" funds that made it possible.

An Economic Development Forum will be held in Sumter tomorrow and hosted by Santee Lynches COG.

An Economic Development Summit, hosted by the COG, will be held on Nov. 7th at 4:30 pm. Mr. Tanner asked Council to contact Ms. Davis for registration.

Mr. Tanner was notified that the Annual Chamber Dinner, scheduled for Nov. 3rd, has been cancelled and will be re-scheduled at a later date.

Trick or Treat will be held at the Red Barn on Monday, Oct. 31st from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Following, Mayor Nelson stated that, as a courtesy, she has asked that people not wear "clown" outfits this year so that kids would feel safe.

Departmental Reports: Included in Council's Packet.

XIII. Old Business:

A. Ordinance No. 2016-04 (Second Reading). An Ordinance Providing For The Issuance Of Not Exceeding, In the Aggregate, \$2,004,000 Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Revenue Bond of the City of Manning, South Carolina; Providing for Bonds, In One or More Series, Tax-Exempt or Taxable, To be Used To Complete Phase III of the Manning Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements; Authorizing the City of Manning to Prescribe the Form and Details of the Bonds; Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and the Disposition of the Proceeds of the Bonds; Providing for Borrowing in Anticipation of the Issuance of the Bonds; Providing for the Acceptance of a Grant Related to the Waterworks and Sewer System Improvement Phase III Project Related to the Bonds; And Other Related Matters.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to approve the ordinance for second reading. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XIV. New Business:

A. A Resolution to Declare the Results of a Special Election Held for the Office of Councilmember for District 5 in the City of Manning, South Carolina on July 8, 2014 and to Declare the Results of a Run-Off Election Held on July 22, 2014.

Mr. Tanner stated that the resolution certifying the election results declaring Mr. Julius Dukes the winner in the election for the seat of Councilmember for District 5.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the resolution. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

B. A Resolution Authorizing the City Administrator to sign an agreement of Mutual Aid between the City of Manning, South Carolina and the State of South Carolina for Emergency and Disaster Response/Recovery.

Mr. Tanner stated that the resolution is a standard agreement with Emergency Management outlining the procedures and to receive assistance through FEMA.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to approve the resolution. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

C. Council Appointments to Boards (replacement needed):

Municipal Election Commission

Mr. Jay Wilder

Fill unexpired Term

June 30, 2021

Mayor Nelson stated that Mr. Wilder has resigned as a member of the Municipal Election Commission and that the appointment would fill the unexpired term ending June 30, 2021.

Next Mayor Nelson nominated Barbara Hussey and indicated that she is willing to serve. There were no other nominations.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Georgia to appoint Mrs. Barbara Hussey to the Municipal Election Commission. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XV. Councilmembers' Comments:

Councilmember Davis

Councilmember Davis stated that he is very proud of the Public Works and Public Safety Departments in the way they worked to make sure everyone was safe during the hurricane.

Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson thanked the Councilmembers who assisted in providing a hot meal, and drove around to assist those in need during the storm.

Councilmember Dukes

Councilmember Dukes stated that he was pleased to be working with Chief Shaffer and Chief McElveen and that he would like to meet with them to get an update on matters.

Councilmember Georgia

Councilmember Georgia asked that everyone stand and give the Public Works and Public Safety Departments a round of applause. Mayor Nelson stated that Council plan to provide a good meal for all three departments in recognition of their hard work.

XVI. Adjournment:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to adjourn. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time: 7:26 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk