

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

**Monday, July 18, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
Manning City Hall**

Council Present:

Mayor Nelson
Mayor Pro-tem Pack
Councilmember Davis
Councilmember Georgia
Councilmember Gordon
Councilmember Welle

- I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks:** Mayor Nelson welcomed all present and especially acknowledged Mr. Rob and Mrs. Barbara Hussey, who were in attendance.

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

- II. Invocation:** Councilmember Rev. L. Ervin Davis, Sr., Pastor, First Servant's Church, Manning, SC.
- III. Pledge:** Councilmember Sherry A. Welle.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Welle and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to amend the agenda as outlined. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

- V. Minutes:**

Minutes of a Budget Public Hearing of City Council, June 20, 2016.

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

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council, June 20, 2016.

A motion was made by Councilmember Gordon and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to accept the minutes as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

VI. Citizens' Comments: None.

VII. Committee Reports: None.

VIII. Public Presentations:

1) Just Because Resource Organization.....Ms. Verbia Conyers

Ms. Conyers stated that the vision and mission statement of Just Because Resource is to serve the community by enlightening underprivileged youths and adults to envision a positive future through mentoring, tutoring, music, the arts and on-the job training. Mayor Nelson asked all of those attending in support of the organization to stand and thanked them for coming. Mrs. Conyers stated that the building, located at 313 N. Depot Street was recently dedicated. The Center currently serves youth ages 8-16 who have participated in various workshops, arts and crafts.

The organization also provides support groups for the family. There will be an upcoming workshop about on-the-job training. Ms. Conyers stated that they are seeking funds to purchase laptops for use at the resource center. In addition, Ms. Conyers stated that their goal is to have 25 children attending the program and noted that they are in need of books. Next, Mrs. Conyers stated that their plans are to partner with churches and other organizations.

They are currently partnering with F.E. DuBois Career Center to help youth ages 17- 24 who have dropped out of school to go through their program to obtain their high school diploma and to get job training. Once a student has completed the program, they will be assisted in finding a job. Ms. Conyers asked if there are questions. Mayor Nelson stated that she has visited the site, and it is a good mission. Next, Mayor Nelson commended them for getting the organization going. Mayor Nelson stated that Council will take the presentation under consideration and will respond back to her. Ms. Conyers stated that they will have a back-to-school bash on August 13th from 2 pm until. Donations for school supplies and book bags are accepted. Then Mayor Nelson stated that the Public Safety committee is open to visiting and helping with community events. Councilmember Welle stated that she'd be willing to donate books to the Resource Center.

2) Soup Kitchen Ministry.....Mr. Timothy Purvis

Mr. Purvis stated that he is trying to get a soup kitchen started in Manning to feed the hungry and homeless. Many homeless are in need of meals. Purvis said theManuMission program is a three step process.

Step one is to set up a soup kitchen and food bank to help families in need. Step two is to partner with businesses and other citizens to help the base structure of the program and to debrief men and women incarcerated ten years or more. Step three is to infuse veterans into partnership with those prisoners by working together to create jobs, problem solve and saving our youth. Next, Mr. Purvis stated that he would first like to establish the soup kitchen. Mayor Nelson asked Mr. Purvis if he is he established. Mr. Purvis stated that he is not currently established but is currently looking at the vacant restaurant across from the hospital to use as a soup kitchen.

Mayor Nelson stated that she appreciated the presentation. In addition, Mayor Nelson stated that his business is non-profit, maybe the city would consider funding; however, once he is established and formally structured, to come back to council to consider his request. Mayor Nelson asked Council if there were any questions. Councilmember Welle told Mr. Purvis that possibly working with the ministerial organizations might help.

IX. Finance Director's Report: Due to year end close-out processes, there will not be a report this month.

X. Mayor's Report:

Red, White and Blue Celebration- Mayor Nelson thanked everyone who helped with the RWB Celebration. Mayor Nelson especially thanked the staff and individuals. Next, Mayor Nelson stated that she would like to challenge all of Council to work towards finding new financial sponsors to donate towards the next event so that it would be less of a burden on the city. Mayor Nelson also thanked Councilmember Davis for what he did, thanked Mayor Pro-tem Pack Councilmember Gordon and Councilmember Georgia, Ms. Patrina Space, the Public Works Department, Ms. Trebil and her group for helping with the clean-up. In addition, Mayor Nelson thanked Chief McElveen for helping with the fireworks and making everything safe and thanked the Police Department for making things safe.

Summer Enrichment Institute- This program, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Lampkin is currently being held at Manning Primary School. Let's Move Manning is partnering with the Lampkins in this program which promotes healthy eating and exercise. The finale will be held on Thursday evening and Council is encouraged to come out to support this event.

MASC Annual Meeting- The City of Manning were the winners of two awards. Mayor Nelson asked Ms. Trebil to explain.

Ms. Trebil stated that Main Street Manning won two awards at the Municipal Association of SC Annual Meeting. The SC Inspiration Award and the Outstanding Public/Private Partnership Award. The Outstanding Inspiration Award was for the new construction of the city fire station. The Outstanding Public/Private Partnership Award was for hosting an exhibit from the Smithsonian Museum, Washington, DC for Clarendon County

Hometown Teams. Mayor Nelson stated that Council is extremely proud of Manning's accomplishment and thanked those who have partnered with the city on their efforts.

Next, Mayor Nelson stated that some sessions held during the Annual Meeting were geared toward current events against law enforcement. Council as a whole is concerned and is taking steps to be proactive. The Public Safety Committee has met and are reviewing some procedures to put into place so that we are prepared. Mayor Nelsons stated that we have a great relationship with law enforcement and the community and we want to continue. Mayor Nelson commended Chief McElveen and Chief Shaffer for what they are doing within the public to enhance community relations.

Fireworks- Mayor Nelson stated that complaints have been received about private citizens shooting fireworks. Council will look at tightening the ordinance concerning the appropriate time for shooting fireworks before and after a holiday.

Mayor Nelson stated that a law enforcement question and answer public forum will be held on Thursday, July 21st at 7 pm at the Manning High School lecture room. Representatives from the Sheriff's Department, Manning Police Chief and every level of law enforcement has been invited. This is an effort to build better community relations.

XI. Administrator's Report:

FEMA Projects- As of last week, we have closed out all of our FEMA projects and have received all of our reimbursements funded at 75%. The State may reimburse the city the remaining 25% that FEMA doesn't reimburse.

Economic Development Grant- The Municipal Association is offering a \$25,000 grant towards economic development. The city will apply and will use the grant for funding the Retail Initiative recently announced by the Mayor Nelson. Applications are due by the end of September.

Fleming Neighborhood Demolition Project- A bid opening will be held next week for the second phase of the project. An organizational meeting will be held Thursday, July 21st at 6:00 pm at the Manning Police Department. As part of that project, a Crime Watch Initiative must be established. The Santee Lynches COG will facilitate.

Comprehensive Plan Update- A Kick-off meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Update will be held on July 25th at 6 pm. Invitations have been sent out. The Santee-Lynches COG will do the update for the city. The plan guides the city's development over the next 20 years.

Road Paving- Mr. Tanner stated that he will re-send Council the list of roads to be done with the extra C funds. This project should begin in September.

Mr. Tanner stated that he will attend a workshop in Columbia tomorrow on another round of Rural Infrastructure funding that will be made available.

- 1) Departmental Reports: Included in Council's packet as information.

XII. New Business:

- A. Council Appointments to Boards (replacement needed):

Zoning Board of Appeals

Leon Brewer

Fill unexpired Term

June 30, 2018

Mayor Nelson asked for nominations. There were none. A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and seconded by Councilmember Welle to table discussion until later time. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XIII. Councilmembers' Comments:

Mayor Pro-tem Pack

Mayor Pro-tem Pack stated that he has begun looking for a band for next year's RWB Celebration. In addition, Mayor Pro-tem Pack stated that he has learned a lot about body cameras at the work sessions during MASC Annual Meeting

Councilmember Welle

Councilmember Welle stated that the recreational work session held during the MASC Annual Meeting was also interesting.

Councilmember Gordon

Councilmember Gordon stated that he attended the policies and procedure work session and found that session interesting.

Mayor Nelson

Mayor Nelson acknowledged Mr. Larry Williamson in the audience and stated that the hospital had asked several people to participate in their community assessment for the hospital and that Mr. Williamson will make a presentation to Council on that subject at a later date. Mayor Nelson stated that she had acknowledged to the hospital that the city is doing some things for recreation for the children.

XIV. Executive Session:

- 1) Administration Department: A matter to discuss land acquisition.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Welle and was seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Pack to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter in the Administration Department concerning land acquisition. There was no discussion. All favored

the motion.

Time: 7:32 pm

A **motion** was made by Mayor Pro-tem Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to return to Open Session. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

Time 7:59 pm

XV. Possible Action Following Executive Session:

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Davis and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to purchase 1 acre of property adjacent to the Waste Water Plant, tax map # 187-08-01-028-00, in the amount of \$6,000.00. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

XVI. Adjournment:

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

Time: 8:01 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Daun Davis
Administrative Services Coordinator/Clerk