

MANCHESTER WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

February 5, 2026

The Manchester Water and Sewer Commission met on Thursday, February 5, 2026 for a regular meeting.

Alderman Crosslin made an announcement that this meeting will be live streaming.

Mayor Hobbs called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll taken by Director Lonnie Foley and present were: Mayor Joey Hobbs, Secretary Gary Hunt, Commissioner Zak Mohyuddin, Commissioner Ben Peiffer, Alderman Thomas Crosslin,, Vice-Mayor Mark Messick, and Director Lonnie Foley. A meeting quorum had been established.

Absent: Billing Office Coordinator Jamie Harden, Commissioner Terrance Hillsman, Alderman Donny Parsley

Late Arrival: None

1) The agenda of the regular meeting with addition of the election of officers on February 5, 2026, was approved upon a motion by Alderman Crosslin, 5-0. Secretary Hunt was elected as Chairman. Commissioner Mohyuddin was elected as Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Ben Peiffer was elected as Secretary.

2) Citizen Comments:

None to report

3) Review of Previous minutes

Mayor Hobbs postponed the review of previous minutes of the regular meeting on January 8, 2026 as Commissioner Mohyuddin and Commissioner Peiffer were not present for the previous meeting.

4) Mayor's Report:

Mayor Hobbs reported that there are 7 grants in progress at this time. He provided a handout with the addition of maps to provide details on the grants and projects in progress. Mayor Hobbs also reported that he wrote to the State and requested that any funds that were turned back in to consider awarding to Manchester. Mayor Hobbs reported that he received a response and an extra \$200,000 which will be added to grant 102167, ARP Sewer Rehab, that is currently being completed by the Norris Brothers and will be amended once paperwork is finalized. This will allow us to add more footage to the rehab. There was further discussion of the grants with the plan to dive deeper into them next month.

5) Director's Report:

Director's report was attached to minutes. Director Foley's report covered Safety, Personnel, Training, Water Distribution, and Collections. Alderman Crosslin asked Director Foley for update on the status of safety injuries that are included in the report. There were two injuries. One a slip off the curb and one doing work at the warehouse stepping on a nail. Mayor requested the 3-year sewer rehab plan with cost structures for next meeting.

6) Budget Review:

Chairman Hunt reported that revenue looks to be on track at 51.63% to which Mayor Hobbs noted that reports run one month behind. Director Foley stated that he would like to make revisions to the 2027 budget to include safety and increase the allowance for training. He would like more line items so it can make a little bit more sense and be more transparent. We have some debt that will be paid off in 2028 so we can go ahead and borrow and not increase our payment. ARP money is almost gone so we're going to need to internally do it. We'll need to find more grants as we go.

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7) New Business:

Water Loss was reviewed for December 2025. Director Foley confirmed that we do not have a complete picture of the water loss and we do not account for usage such as park filling up of 500 gallon tanks, as an example. Director Foley will follow up with AJ to record usage so we can include it in water used. Director Foley stated that the Wastewater Treatment Plant team is in place. Equipment needs more maintenance than replacing. We were quoted \$600,000.00 to clean the basin of the oxidation ditch tank and leave it in service while being cleaned. We were quoted \$200,000.00 for each installed mechanical bar screen to keep trash from coming back through and causing the same problem again. That times 2 and you are half a million for the bar or you can spend \$600,000.00 for cleaning it and we have the same problem again. We want to request one large amount at once to fix everything instead of asking for the smaller increments spread out over time. Alderman Crosslin made a motion to push a quote to budget finance. Quotes around \$40,000.00 for hydro stop valves were obtained by Director Foley for the old water pump booster station that has a water shut off issue.

8) Commissioners Comments:

- a. Commissioner Mohyuddin had no comments but requested to sometime take a tour of the wastewater plant.
- b. Commissioner Peiffer asked about access to the GIS system so that the location of manholes can be seen and the bad ones identified.

Chairman Hunt declared the meeting adjourned.



Gary Hunt, Chairman



Ben Peiffer, Recording Secretary

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