

**CITY OF MANCHESTER
BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN**

**Meeting Minutes
March 4th, 2025, @ 6:30 pm
City Hall Board Room**

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room at Manchester City Hall. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Hobbs. Present for the meeting were Mayor Hobbs, Alderman French, Alderman Crosslin, Vice Mayor Messick, Alderman Parsley, Alderman Threet, Attorney Johnson, Executive Administrative Assistant Keele, Finance Director Burrows, MWSD Director Perry, Parks/Rec. Director Fox, I.S. Director Smotherman, MPD Chief Sipe, MPD Assistant Chief Floied, MFD Chief Chambers, MFD Assistant Fire Chief Hickerson, Public Works Director Gannon, Community Development & Zoning Director Brittany Fiske, Engineer Adam Carter, Coffee County Industrial Board Director Anne Majors, and other citizens. Absent was Alderman Anderson. Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Hillsman and the pledge to the flag was spoken in unison. Mayor Hobbs called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL:

Roll was taken via Open Meetings program. Alderman Anderson absent.

MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

Mayor Hobbs requested Resolution C be removed from the agenda. Vice Mayor Messick stated he had a speaker to speak under the BOMA Comments regarding the Coffee County Moratorium. Alderman French made a motion to approve the changes and seconded by Alderman Crosslin. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman French made a motion to approve the 2-4-25 BOMA minutes. Vice Mayor Messick seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE: none

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS: none

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR: Mayor Hobbs welcomed everyone and reminded the BOMA to speak into their microphones.

Safety Committee- Chief Chambers discussed his February report. Chief Sipe discussed a safety meeting with Bonnaroo, recognized the 3 SRO's, promotion of Cody Lendley to Investigator, and next safety meeting is 3-10-25.

Finance Committee- Director Burrows discussed the February Finance committee meeting. Director Burrows discussed the 2025-2026 Budget process and audit.

Street Committee- Director Gannon stated next meeting would be March 15, construction of baseball fields at Batesville property, sidewalk project, and sale of old equipment.

Water /Sewer Commission- Director Perry stated the next Water and Sewer Commission meeting would be 3-6-25. Director Perry discussed the state water score at 99. Bid opening 3-3-25 for project running from Willis Farms to Skinner Flat. Director Perry discussed the work that Dukes has performed and the current projects.

Recreation Commission- Director Fox discussed Fox discussed WOLD engineering firm would be held a bid opening for recreation complex improvements on 2-11-25.. Director Fox discussed upcoming day camp, ball tournaments in March and April. Next commission meeting would be 3-14-25.

Tourism Development Commission- Vice Mayor Messick Feb meeting.

Planning & Zoning Commission- Director Fiske stated next Commission meeting would be 3-17-25.

Information Systems Committee- Director Smotherman discussed the hiring of a Support Technician. Next meeting 3-10-25.

Historic Zoning Commission-Director Fiske stated the next meeting would be 3-6-25.

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Resolutions:

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- a) A resolution to authorize the expenditure of up to Twenty-One Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$21,555.00) for an Employee Wellness and Assistance Program; sponsored by Alderman Crosslin. Vice Mayor Messick made a motion to withdraw and change the resolution to include all City employees. Mayor Hobbs stated they would need to put the service out for bid if they wanted to include all the employees. seconded by Alderman Crosslin. The motion to withdraw passed 5-0.
- b) A resolution authorizing the purchase of Forty-Five (45) Glock Pistols at the total price of Forty-Seven Thousand and Four Hundred and Seventy-Eight and 35/100 Dollars (\$47,478.35) for use of the Police Department of the City of Manchester; sponsored by Alderman French. Alderman Crosslin made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman French. Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to discussion and called for the roll. The resolution passed 5-0.
- c) A resolution authorizing the purchase of Two 2022 Ford Explorers at the total price of Fifty-Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$50,000.00) for use of the Police Department of the City of Manchester; sponsored by Alderman French. Under approval of agenda the resolution was removed.

- d) A resolution to authorize an award of Tourism and Development Commission Grant Fund to the 8th annual Good Friends Music Fest in the amount of Three Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$3000.00); sponsored by Vice Mayor Messick. Alderman French made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman Parsley. Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to discussion and called for the roll. The motion passed 4-1 with Alderman Threet abstaining.

Ordinances:

- a) 2nd reading of an ordinance to abandon the City of Manchester's interest, if any, in an undeveloped right-of-way (unnamed) running between Lots #75 and #76 from the end of Lexington Circle and Skinner Flat Road as depicted on the plat of the Lexington Subdivision; sponsored by Vice Mayor Messick. Vice Mayor Messick made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman Crosslin. Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to a public hearing and after none called for the roll. The ordinance passed 2nd and final reading 5-0.
- b) 1st reading of an ordinance to amend and delete Manchester Municipal Code 5-101 relative to Official Depository; sponsored by Alderman Crosslin. Alderman French made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman Crosslin. Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to discussion and called for the roll. The ordinance passed 1st reading 5-0.
- c) 1st reading of an ordinance to amend Manchester Municipal Code 5-703 relative to purchasing authority; sponsored by Alderman Crosslin. Alderman French made a motion to approve and seconded by Alderman Crosslin. Mayor Hobbs opened the floor to discussion and called for the roll. The ordinance passed 1st reading 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS-none

NEW BUSINESS-

*City Logo- No vote discussion only. Mayor Hobbs discussed the logo that was submitted by the I.T. Committee. Alderman French discussed having a brand kit. Mayor Hobbs discussed the need for a new logo to redesign the website. Alderman Threet asked what happened to the Indian and pile of rocks logo on the police cars in early 2000, and he would like to see us use that one from early 2000. Mayor Hobbs stated the logo presented tonight would be placed on the next I.T. committee agenda.


* Vice Mayor Messick asked Surveyor Nicholas Northcott to speak about the Coffee County Moratorium. A discussion ensued with the BOMA. Mayor Hobbs asked Attorney Johnson to draft a letter opposing the moratorium.

COMMENTS FROM BOMA: Alderman French discussed the benefits of a mental wellness plan for the City. Mayor Hobbs discussed the mental wellness plan contract we had two years ago.

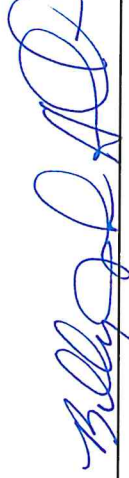
ADJOURNMENT:

- Being no further business to discuss, Mayor Hobbs asked for a motion to adjourn and Alderman French made the motion. The motion was seconded by Alderman Crosslin. The motion to adjourn was passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

SIGNATURES:



Executive Administrative Assistant Keele



Mayor Joey Hobbs