

Manchester Tourism and Community Development Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
October 14, 2024  
6:00 pm

Members Present-Lori West, Lori Perry, Erin Kehely, Joseph Sherrill, Lori Watson & Mayor Joey Hobbs

Members Absent-None

Others Present- AJ Fox, Katy Riddle, Cathy Green, & Pauline Bennett

Lori Perry called the meeting to order at 6pm. There was a quorum present.

Citizens Comments/Questions-Cathy Green and Pauline Bennett asked the committee on right of way signage and funding for sign to promote FootHills Crafts, Mayor Hobbs stated he would look into their question from the Codes Dept on right away, the committee also requested paperwork on sign and they would assign a spot on the upcoming November tourism meeting agenda.

Erin Kehely made a motion to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes, Lori West, seconded, motion carried.

New Business-Discussion was had on purchasing of items related to the upcoming ice-skating rink event, items wouldn't be covered under the ARP Grant. Items needed would be, hot cocoa, cups, marshmallows, and color-coded wrist bands. Not to exceed \$499.00.

Lori Perry made the motion to purchase items, Erin Kehely, seconded, motion carried.

Courthouse Christmas Lighting-Discussion ensued regarding lighting and funding for Christmas lights on the square. Information was still being gathered but not to exceed \$9000.00.

Lori West made the motion to seek information/funding. Lori Watson, seconded, motion carried.

Bee Mural-Discussion was had on mural repair. Graffiti had been the cause of damage. Cost would be \$1500.00.

Lori Perry made the motion for repair, Joseph Sherrill, seconded, motion carried.

November meeting date-Discussion was had on changing the November tourism meeting date due to Veterans Day falling on regular meeting date.

Lori West made the motion to change meeting date, Erin Kehely, seconded, motion carried.

Old Business-Ice Rink was moving along as planned. Security fencing was being requested to meet size specifications, sound equipment was being quoted and ticketing options were being looked into. Advertising per the grant would be discussed in November.

2024/2025 TN Tourism Marketing Grant-The full amount requested was not given, discussion was had on what needed to be reduced.

Manchester Chamber of Commerce Report-Meeting were to begin regarding the annual "Downtown Christmas Stroll".

Manchester Parks & Recreation Report-Dusty Elam Foundation Basketball was in the process of beginning for the season. Christmas parade would be held November 30<sup>th</sup>. Theme is "90s Christmas".

SCTTA Report-No report.

Committee Reports-Mayor Hobbs stated the next meeting would include the appointed alderman to replace him on the committee. He would still be attending meetings as well. Finance Director Burrows, would also be sending the committee monthly reports on funding usage, and starting December/January the meetings would be live streamed.

Erin Kehely made the motion to adjourn the meeting, Joseph Sherrill, seconded, motion carried.

Adjournment 7:02 p.m.