

Town of Manchester  
May 10, 2016

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met after the regular Council meeting on April 12, 2016. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Warner, Vince Pacelli, Debra Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Kelly Baldwin and Dawn Nee.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn the General session and go into a closed meeting pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Nee is working with Don Walsh as one of the attorneys representing the Town on its appeal of the Board of Education's decision to close North Carroll High School.

Ms. Nee provided an update to the appeals case. If the Administrative Law Judge agrees with the Board of Education's decision to close the schools then the remedy will be to go to the Circuit Court. Discussion followed.

Mr. Pacelli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:33pm.

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Melinda Smith, Jenn Warner, Vince Pacelli, Debra Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin and Andrew Eppley.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

#### **7:30pm PUBLIC HEARING ON FY17 BUDGET & INCREASE IN WATER RATES**

Mr. Wilder made a motion to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing on the FY17 Budget and proposed \$.25 water rate increase. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments. Ms. Smith made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion to approve the April 12, 2016 minutes. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Larry Burbank was sworn in as a member of the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Mayor Warner reminded citizens that Hughes Trash will be collecting yard waste on Fridays.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. There were no changes in SHA Route 27 project. Construction of the New Town Hall and Police Department is 46% complete. The Sustainability Committee met on March 18, 2016 and will meet again on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Verizon workers are on strike and this may have an impact on our telephone system for the new building. Ms. Baldwin updated the Mayor and Council regarding the meeting with the Department of Housing and Community Development to finance the new building. Interest rates are low and closing costs are minimal.

Chief Hess read the monthly police report. There were 60 calls for service in March. The MPD is continuing the fight and is working with other jurisdictions to combat the heroin problem. Officer Rohrback is now a firearms instructor.

Mayor Warner explained that there was a problem with the advertising requirements with Charter Amendment Resolution No. 01-2016. Based on legal counsel, it was decided to

renumber the document with the exact same wording but start the process over. Therefore, Mayor Warner introduced Charter Amendment Resolution No. 02-2016 which states that “Council members shall have maintained continuous occupancy of a primary residence in the Town for at least ~~one (1)~~ two (2) years immediately preceding their election and shall be qualified voters of the Town for at least ~~one (1)~~ two (2) years immediately preceding their election. They shall maintain a permanent domicile in the Town during their term of office.” Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve Charter Amendment Resolution No. 02-2016. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Baldwin presented the highlights of the FY17 Budget. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 222 relating to the FY17 General Fund Budget maintaining the same tax rate of \$.216. Ms. Warner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Pacelli made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 223 increasing the water rate by \$.25 per 1,000 gallons. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Doxzen commented that he was glad to see the Town was building a new Town Hall.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Warner made a motion to adjourn the General session and go into a closed meeting pursuant to General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin