

Town of Manchester
July 13, 2021

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met in person on the above date. Those present were Mayor Warner, Chris Cuneo, Jenn Miller, Debra Howe, Steve Miller, Chief Hess, Kelly Baldwin and Rodney Kuhns.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ms. Howe made a motion to approve the May 11, 2021 and May 26, 2021 minutes as printed. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to receive the May 2021 Treasurer's report. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Miller made a motion to receive the June 2021 Check register. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner gave his monthly Mayor's Report. Water bills are due July 30th and the credit card fee is now in effect. Residents are reminded that yard waste is on Wednesdays. Mayor Warner thanked Councilmember Miller for her work to help Manchester maintain the Banner City distinction for 2021.

Mr. Miller gave his Town Administrator's report. There has been no movement on the Opioid litigation. A resolution to sell the old Police Station has been prepared and will be ready for the August meeting. Staff is looking into compiling a mass email list to send out notices. A draft fee schedule was sent to the Mayor and Council for review/comments. Code enforcement continues. Staff met with the owners of 3201 Main Street to discuss several code violations. Homeland Security inspected water facilities to perform a security assessment. The Civil War Trails sign was relocated to the Historic Center.

Mr. Kuhns read the DPW report. The Park Avenue Water Tower rehabilitation project continues. Still waiting for MDE to respond to The Town wrote a letter to MDE regarding new limitation requirements imposed on the WWTP Discharge Permit and the impact it will have on the possible ENR upgrade. A final determination meeting is scheduled for July 23rd with MDE and staff. Street repaving bids are due August 20th.

Bids were received to replace the tennis court fence. The lowest bid is \$2000 more than the budget. Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the bid from Long Fence in the amount of \$15,023. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Kuhns priced two new 2022 pickup trucks through the Maryland State contract with Apple Ford. Each vehicle costs \$45,075 (totaling \$90,150) and is expected to take 35-40 weeks to get. The budget was approved for \$73,228. This figure included an estimated resale of the existing trucks to be \$9,000 each. Mr. Cuneo made a motion to approve the purchase of the 2 pickup trucks from Apple Ford in the amount of \$90,150. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hess read the monthly Police report. There were 148 calls for service for June. There were two Part 1 crimes reported and eleven people criminally charged. Traffic enforcement continues with a record-breaking 590 warnings, citations and repair orders for June. Chief Hess mentioned he was not impressed with the crosswalk rehab done by SHA.

Mayor Warner mentioned that he lifted the State of Emergency to follow Governor Hogan's decision.

Mayor Warner introduced Ordinance No. 248 amending Chapter 220 – Vehicles and Traffic to allow for the Town to post stop signs, traffic control signals and speed limit signs at intersections or on Town streets and highways in the interests of safety without having to amend the Town Code each time, etc. This will be discussed at the August meeting.

Ms. Miller made a motion to recognize Juneteenth as an approved holiday. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the general session. Mr. Cuneo seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin