

Town of Manchester
October 10, 2017

The Mayor and Council of the Town of Manchester met on the above date. Those present were Melinda Smith, Vince Pacelli, Debra Howe, Dale Wilder, Steve Miller, Kelly Baldwin and Olivia Garey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve the September 12, 2017 minutes as printed. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Smith made a motion to receive the September 2017 Check Register as submitted. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner thanked the following ladies for their many years of volunteer service to Charlotte's Quest Nature Center – Marcia Bogash, Ellen Rugemer and Barb Trump. Vince DePalmer was sworn in as a board member for the Parks Foundation. Mayor Warner mentioned that trick-or-treating will be on October 31st from 6:30-8:30pm to those houses with porch lights lit.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly Town Administration and Public Works report. There will be a meeting with SHA on October 25th at 7pm to discuss the proposed widening of Route 27 near Westminster Street and the potential costs associated with relocating the utilities. The audio/visual project for the Town Hall will begin on October 16th. Mr. Miller reminded those about the Open Meetings Law compliance regulation. MCET completed a water/sewer rate study. Hydrants will be flushed on October 25th and 26th.

Mr. Miller gave the monthly police report. There were 72 calls for service in September. Mayor Warner asked citizens to please report things to the Police rather than post them on social media as this could hinder investigations.

Based on staff recommendations, Mr. Miller asked the Mayor and Council to consider increasing the fees associated with rental housing licenses due to increased cost of certified mail, etc. Mayor Warner mentioned that this is not a revenue source for the Town and Mr. Wilder agreed that this is consistent with other towns. Mr. Wilder made a motion to restructure fees. Ms. Howe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miller listed some of the changes to Chapter 81- Disorderly House Nuisances which establishes an "abatement committee", quantifies the number of calls to Carroll County 911 Call Center and increases the fine to \$500 for violations to this Chapter. There were no public comments. Mr. Wilder made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 229 revising Chapter 81- Disorderly House Nuisances. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Warner gave the background on why there is now a need to eliminate the weight restrictions on Hallie Avenue east of Route 30. There were no public comments. Ms. Smith made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 230 eliminating the weight restrictions on Hallie Avenue from Rt30 to Lineboro Road. Mr. Pacelli seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Council members gave committee reports.

Ms. Smith made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wilder seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:16pm. Respectfully submitted, Kelly J. Baldwin