

**MINUTES OF A  
A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
MANNING CITY COUNCIL**

**Tuesday, August 8, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers  
Manning City Hall**

**Members Present:**

Mayor Nelson  
Councilmember Georgia  
Councilmember Gordon  
Councilmember Dukes  
Councilmember Pack  
Councilmember Wells

**Excused-E/Unexcused-U**

Mayor Pro-Tem Davis - E

**I. Welcome/Introductory Remarks**

Mayor Nelson welcomed all in attendance to the August 8, 2023 meeting.

**II. Invocation**

The invocation was given by the City Administrator Scott Tanner.

**III. Pledge**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Councilmember Johnny E. Gordon.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Georgia and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the agenda as presented. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

**V. Minutes:**

**Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Manning City Council July 11, 2023.**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Pack and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to approve the minutes of a Regular Meeting of City Council, July 11, 2023. There

was no discussion. All favored the motion.

**VI. Finance Director's Report:**

The City Administrator stated that Mrs. Prince has been out due to the death of her mother.

**VII. Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Nelson stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Davis had a pacemaker procedure done and was unable to be there for the meeting. She even stated that Daun Davis has been out with COVID. Also, she stated that Mary Prince had lost her mother and the funeral was on Saturday.

**VIII. Administrator's Report:**

Mr. Tanner stated the following:

1. We have received a formal notice to proceed on the 107-year-old sewer line project. We will be moving forward on this and hope to bid the project out in the first quarter of 2024. This is a 10-million-dollar project.
2. We will be moving forward with the drainage project which we received close to 8 million dollars. This is a two phase project. Hope to be able to bid the first part of the project by the end of the year. The city is not required to match any of the funds.
3. Spoke to Duke Energy about our Camera Project. Everything has been approved so they will be setting up new poles for the cameras. The cost of the poles is \$400 per pole. Once we pay our camera installer can install our cameras. The camera install will be less than half of what was allocated so that will go back into the ARP money.
4. Spectrum anticipates having the WIFI installed in all our parks by the end of the month.
5. Still working on the 301 well. Should be completed in a few weeks. It has been out since November and has run into some problems along the way but will be completed soon.
6. The Church Street Development is a 1.2 – 1.5-million-dollar project. We have gotten about 700,000 dollars from former Rep. Kimberly Johnson and we have applied for an additional 500,000 dollars.
7. Will be meeting with Angela Johnson this week from the USDA to discuss current projects, possible opportunities, and the expansion project of City Hall. We are moving forward with the renovations of City Hall. We have to have a survey done

so the surveyor should be here in a couple of weeks. We're working on additional water and sewer projects with USDA. One important part of the project is getting sewer underneath I-95 and also changing our manual water meters to radio read meters. Also, looking into possible expansions towards Kingstree and the Alcolu areas.

8. We had an employee health screening on last Friday and had a total of 23 people to participate. I am hoping to continue having this health screening for our employees.
9. We will be having our End of Summer Concert on September 21<sup>st</sup>. It is being sponsored by Southern Senior Living. They have given \$2,500 towards the band for the event.
10. I would like to schedule a retreat in September for Council so please check your calendars.

**Councilmember Dukes**

Councilmember Dukes asked Mr. Tanner to explain who Southern Senior Living is.

**Mr. Tanner**

Mr. Tanner stated that they are the controlling agency that operates all of the nursing home facilities in this area.

**Mayor Nelson**

Mayor Nelson stated that the County Association had a discussion about the USDA funding infrastructure and wanted to know if Mr. Tanner will be asking Ms. Johnson about that.

**Mr. Tanner**

Mr. Tanner stated that he will be asking Ms. Johnson about that when he meets with her.

Departmental Reports: Included in Council's Packet.

**IX. Councilmember's' Comments:**

**Councilmember Pack**

Councilmember Pack asked if the old Wal-Mart has been condemned and have we written a letter notifying Wal-Mart.

**Mr. Tanner**

Mr. Tanner stated that the old Wal-Mart has been condemned. We have written Wal-Mart

notifying them and that we reserved the right to take it further it need be.

**Councilmember Welle**

Councilmember Welles asked if Wal-Mart did not respond back to us would we be able to take over the property.

**Mr. Tanner**

Mr. Tanner stated that we have to send them a formal complaint from our attorney giving them a date to present their case before the abatement board. We would also have to give them a specific time frame to bring the property up to codes or we reserve the right to demolish it.

**Councilmember Welle**

Councilmember Welle asked if we were to go through with that and Wal-Mart does not do anything can we just demolish it and take over ownership of the property.

**Mr. Tanner**

We can place a lien on it so when they go to sell they will have to pay us back.

**Councilmember Gordon**

Councilmember Gordon stated that to demolish the building it would cost us about \$300,000.

**Mayor Nelson**

Mayor Nelson stated at one time it would have been that.

**Councilmember Dukes**

Councilmember Dukes stated that it would cost about \$1 million now to demolish the building.

**Mr. Tanner**

Mr. Tanner stated that it would be more than that to demolish the building. We may recoup our money but how long will it take.

**Mayor Nelson**

Mayor Nelson stated that Wal-Mart have done so many things and had sealed bids on the property. She also stated that Wal-Mart is in limbo of what they are going to do with the property.

**X. Executive Session:**

None

**XI. Possible action following Executive Session for items discussed in Executive Session.**

None

**XII. Adjournment:**

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Welle and was seconded by Councilmember Gordon to adjourn. There was no discussion. All favored the motion.

**Time: 6:12 pm**

**Respectfully submitted,**

Tonya Evans  
Business License/Zoning Coordinator