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The meeting was called to order by Eric Ruegg. An introduction of the City of Manchester Officials included:

- Mike Clement, Mayor
- Scott Will, Chief of Police
- Marilyn Ottenad Alderman Ward 2
- Megan Huether Alderman Ward 2

Comments as follows:

Mayor Clement:

- **ManchesterCares:** Is a citywide initiative to provide help, support, volunteers, and care to those in need throughout the region. The Spring newsletter provides dates for the scheduled blood drives in Manchester this year. The location of the event and time is noted. Last year's events were consistently full, a reflection of the understanding that blood is critically needed to save lives! Please join City staff, neighbors and friends and give a pint of blood. [2021 Spring Newsletter](#)
- **Brief financial update:**
 - CY20 ended with a small surplus
 - The City has good reserves
- **New City Hall:** Over the next several months, the City will be doing its due diligence study of the Commerce Bank property. If all checks out, "closing" will occur in mid-spring. After final closing, City plans will include architectural and engineering plans for the new space. Perhaps, by summer the remodeling and conversion of the Commerce Building will start. We will keep you up to date on the progress as we move forward with the project.
 - *The existing City Hall:* The Lyceum, a beautiful building built in 1894, has served as City Hall since 1979. But, it no longer is an adequate facility for, nor does it support, a modern, efficient environment for managing a City of 18,000 residents. It's not ADA-accessible to its second floor. Its windows are 120+ years old. Costs to repair this historically recognized building always exceed budgeted amounts.
 - *What are the plans for the Lyceum?* There are no plans at this early stage. The City has not done a lot of thinking around its use, once it's empty. The City wishes to preserve and maintain the Lyceum. There will be costs associated with its upkeep. We are aware of them.
- **Annexation:** The Board of Alderman are meeting during the week of March 8th. Unincorporated areas, include:
 - North of Carman Road including businesses
 - Southwest pocket areas
- **Homecoming:** We are planning on Homecoming; the parade will take place on Saturday.
- **Reminder:** Conversations with the Mayor. The invitation is open to all with an open dialog.

Q&A:

- *Question:* Are there tours of the Republic Services Recycling Material Recovery Facility (MRF)?
- *Answer:* No tours are being scheduled. On-line resources will be posted soon, please visit the Parks, Recreation, and Arts guide on our website at: www.manchestermo.gov

Background: The City of Manchester and Republic Services host two trips for our residents to tour the Republic Services Recycling Material Recovery Facility (MRF). This is an educational opportunity to learn the recycling process from when recyclables leave your home to becoming marketable materials.

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- *Question:* Are there any new restaurants coming?
- *Answer:* Nothing new to report

- *Question:* COVID vaccination, how is the City of Manchester with vaccinations?
- *Answer:* Police Department: 90% completed, First Responders: 90% completed, EMS: 100%

- *Question:* How do you handle the short fall with sales tax?
- *Answer:* Mayor: we watch & monitor monthly, we would need to cut some programs if there was an issue.
Note: once TIFF is paid off additional fund will be added.

Alderman Marilyn Ottenad/Megan Huether:

- **Electronics Recycling:** Electronic and metals recycling events conducted by Midwest Recycling Center (MCR) occur on the third Saturday of odd-numbered months. The events are held between 8 a.m. –11:00 a.m. at Paul A. Schroeder Park, 359 Old Meramec Station Road.

Remember: recycle responsibly – find out where to recycle or donate other items at: www.RecycleResponsibly.org

- **Arbor Day:** Saturday, April 24th Free activities, all ages welcome!
 - 8:00 am: Drive through seedling give-a-way
 - 9:00 am: Tree planting ceremony
 - 9:30 am: Children’s activities

- **Aquatic Center:** Open Saturday. May 29th / Comp Pool Only Tuesday-Friday. June 1-4 / Open Saturday, June 5 for the season.
 - **New:** Rock climbing
 - **Scholarships’:** Available for families that cannot afford program fees

- **Document Shredding:** Schroeder Park, October 2nd 9:00 am – 11:00 am / Manchester residence only
 - 5 box limits
 - Can donations and/or monetary donations encouraged/welcomed

- **Republic “blast”** with updates: Residence need to sign-up to receive notices

- **Special initiative:** A leadership team formed – how the city can reflect on “lessening the distance”, “make a difference.” [Lessening-the-Distance](#)
The team meets with residence and community leaders – including but not limited to: neighbor to neighbor, institutions, City of Manchester, schools all to create community. For additional information and/or to participate, please reach out to **Megan Huether:** mhuether@manchestermo.gov

Chief of Police, Scott Will:

- **Car break-ins:** The Manchester police team met with Wesley Bell to discuss the crimes at hand and their ongoing working relationship together as a strong team. The City of Manchester police department also works / teams with other municipalities, Ballwin, Ellisville, etc., and work well together.

Q&A:

- *Question:* are the crime drug related with kids?

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- *Answer:* No, usually we see this w/apartment complexes
- *Cindy Lyons:* **Lock it or Lose it** signs have been placed in subdivisions. CLOSE IT, LOCK IT, LIGHT IT” – close your garage door. Lock your car. Turn your outside lights on.
- *Community Camera Program (CCP).* Homeowners can register their camera or security system with the Manchester Police Department. To learn more / register go to: [Register Your Home Security System | Manchester, MO](#)