

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 16, 2007

The second regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, July 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m, at city hall. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Robbie Ice, Betty Liller, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

Under the visitors' portion of the agenda, Jim Hayes said the Sponaugle property on Mannington Avenue needs the weeds cut.

Mannington Main Street Director Rana Taylor reported that the Landmark Commission will be meeting with Mike Giolus to do a survey of Clayton Addition to determine if it can be designated as a historic district. Mayor White asked about the tree project. Taylor said she meet with the Forestry group last week and they said the project could be extended through Brookside also. The last count was eleven trees will be planted in town.

Jeff Hayes asked how the code enforcement officer decides who to target. He said he has been contacted several times while others have not. Mayor White asked Hayes if he had a current building permit and he said that he did not. The mayor told him the first step was that he needed a permit. Anthony Horton will be directed to contact Hayes to set up a meeting on Friday.

Ernie Michael, owner of Northern Sales, says there is a water run-off problem on Fairview Street. He said when there are heavy rains, the water comes into his shop. He provided pictures taken during the last rainstorm. He said a drain by Carnes Auto and a catch basin are needed to correct the problem. Michael said the city put in a small berm previously but it was not big enough to handle the water. He said a bigger berm is needed. Councilman Ice suggested that the State DOH be contacted to put more drainage holes in the plate on Route 250 above Fairview Street. Mayor White assured Michael that the city will look over the problem.

Randy Watson from Thrasher Engineering stopped in to introduce himself to the new mayor and council.

During the mayor's report, White said he has been busy reviewing the charter and code books. He suggested to council that they may want to consider a dog tax if complaints about dogs running loose and barking continue. White reported to council that he is implementing a work order program. He will issue memos to all the departments detailing jobs and they will

be kept in a binder so that he or council can follow through to see if they are completed. He also noted that he has had the city crew cut the grass on several properties that have been abandoned by the owners. The property owners will be charged \$50 per hour for the work.

Chief of Police David James gave his department's June report in which he noted that they issued 21 citations and received 148 calls for assistance.

Fluharty said that the next regular meeting is scheduled for the same night as the fair parade and in past years, it has been cancelled or rescheduled. Garcia made the motion to reschedule the meeting for Monday, July 30 at 7:00 p.m. Ice seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty also reported that she spoke to Dave Sago, the City of Fairmont's utility manager, today and he said his staff is assisting Greenhorne and O'Mara with the rights of way. He is available to meet with council next month.

There was no old business.

The first item under new business was Ordinance #384 which creates a new position in the Street/Water Department. Garcia made the motion to read the heading only. Liller seconded the motion and all approved. Fluharty read the heading. Garcia made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #384. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

General Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budget Revisions #1 were presented for council's review. The purpose of these revisions is to budget any surplus or deficit in the unencumbered balances. Fluharty said both accounts had surpluses and outlined the proposed revisions. Liller made the motion to approve the revisions as presented. Ice seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor White said he would like to purchase a vacuum cleaner to sweep the streets with some of the General Fund's surplus funds. He has been in contact with Nite-Hawk for a demonstration of one of their trucks. He said the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$60,000 but it could be done with a lease-purchase agreement. Garcia made the motion to advertise for bids for a vacuum-type street sweeper. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss personnel and property acquisition. Ice seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:02 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:43 p.m. Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Ice seconded the motion and it carried.