

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2007**

**The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, April 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Denny Efaw, Denny Powell and Michelle Rosier.**

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

**Visitors were recognized. Jim Wade said that something needed to be done to the drain at the lower end of Bowers Park. He said when the water backs up during heavy rains; it makes a pool eight feet deep. Wade said a smaller drain was put in by a contractor when the creek was dredged. Mayor Stafford said he would have the city crew look it over for a solution.**

**Kevin Gump said that the school bus drivers have lost some of their parking by the bus garage and asked about the alley between the Board's property and the East High United Methodist Church. He said the Board of Education will put gravel on the alley if they can use it. Mayor Stafford is to look it over.**

**Charles Hall said that Laurel Drive needs paved plus a speed bump is needed on it. He said the sewer lines are sinking on that street and parts of it are down to the gravel. He also asked that the road be crowned when it is paved.**

**Josie Plachta of the North Marion Theater Department invited everyone to attend a performance of "Arsenic and Old Lace" on April 20 & 21. She said they would like people other than the students' parents to attend.**

**Fluharty reported that filing for the city's election has ended but anyone wishing to file as a write-in has until May 15. She also noted that the city's budget has been approved by the state and a levy meeting must be scheduled for the second Tuesday of April. Council agreed to meet at 7:30 a.m. on April 17.**

**Under new business, no one was present from the North Marion Band to discuss their fundraiser for a trip to Ireland. They will be at a future meeting.**

**Mayor Stafford read a resolution declaring Fair Housing Month in April. Garcia made the motion to adopt the resolution as read. Rosier seconded the motion and all approved.**

**The bids for mowing the water plant property were opened and the following received:**

<b>Martin Repair</b>	<b>\$ 80 per mow</b>
<b>Samuel Jones</b>	<b>300 per mow</b>
<b>Nancy's Lawn Care</b>	<b>85 per mow</b>
<b>James Gill</b>	<b>125 per mow</b>
<b>Bob Hearn</b>	<b>100 per mow</b>

**Efaw made the motion to accept the low bid by Martin Repair. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Pay Requisition #11 from the SCBG water project was the next item on the agenda. The invoices were from Thrasher Engineering in the amount of \$1223.04 and Southern Corrosion in the amount of \$3278.94. Efaw made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #11 in the amount of \$4501.98. Powell seconded the motion and all approved.**

**Mayor Stafford asked council to consider ideas to submit for funding from this round of the Small Cities Block Grant. Some ideas discussed were demolition of the property purchased by the City from Bill & Judy Duncan plus a new ditching system. A public hearing will be scheduled to get citizen feedback.**

**John Higgins of the Mannington Fire Department said that the Office of Emergency Services has mandated that all rural addresses be changed to street addresses. This will affect several homes off Meadow Avenue in Homewood. Possible new names were Laurel Drive or Flaggy Meadow Road. Since all the houses from Terrace Drive to below the intersection to Hardesty Addition are already Laurel Drive, it was agreed to continue that name to the rest of those residences. Councilman Powell asked that "Extension" be added to the name. Garcia made the motion to change the name to Laurel Drive Extension. Powell seconded the motion and it carried. Letters will be sent to the affected residents.**

**Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Rosier seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**