

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 2, 2007

The first regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, July 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Robbie Ice, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

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

Mayor White introduced himself and thanked his predecessor, Lenny Stafford, and the prior council for their work during the previous two years. He said that a lot had been accomplished in their term and he hoped to continue that progress. He also welcomed new council members Robbie Ice, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

The first item of business was the amendment to the Small Cities Block Grant. Sheena Hunt of Region Six presented the amendment which replaced a previous amendment that was denied by the State Development Office because they did not want the money placed in the Contingency Account. The new amendment places the \$50,000 into legal, accounting and sites/land. This is part of the city's \$425,000 portion of the grant being shared with the City of Fairmont for the water line project. Garcia made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 in the amount of \$50,000. Ice seconded the motion and it carried. Hunt said that one water tank has been cleaned/painted and the other is currently being overhauled using these grant funds. Mayor White reported that in his talk with the City of Fairmont's David Sago, he was given a target date of August for the project to go to bid. White added that he plans to extend an invitation to Sago to attend a future meeting and he will urge Fairmont to be pro-active in their maintenance program so long-term water outages do not occur. Hunt said she would also have a report on the project's progress.

Under the visitor's portion of the agenda, Bub Stout reported a water problem behind his house. The mayor said the city will look into it and asked Superintendent Rexrode to contact Ernie Martin about using his dozer on the job.

Main Street Manager Rana Taylor said there is a problem with banners and yard sale signs being left up long after the events are over. She asked council to consider an ordinance requiring permission to put them up and giving a time for their removal.

Mayor White gave a synopsis of the Street/Water Department's written report.

Jim Troy gave the Fire Department's June report in which he noted that they had received 19 calls and had logged over 120 man hours. He also reported that they are currently flow testing the hydrants.

Councilman Garcia gave the mayor a list of jobs that need the city's attention. He also gave the city clerk a number to call for information about designating the fire department's water usage during fires as emergency expenses so that they would not be charged when the city goes on line with Fairmont.

Mayor White said there are several properties in town with high grass. He said the city can either have one of their employees mow them and then place a lien on the owner's property or else a subcontractor could be used. Starsick asked why the city's enforcement officer can't enforce the code on these properties. White said many of the properties are abandoned or their owners are out of state and cannot be reached.

Mayor White asked for an executive session to discuss property acquisition. Garcia made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:45 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Ice seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.