

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2007

The second regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, June 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Denny Efaw, Bob Garcia, Betty Liller and Denny Powell.

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

Mayor Stafford expressed his disappointment that Dave Sago, the City of Fairmont's Utility Manager, called earlier today to say that neither he nor anyone from Greenhorne & O'Mara could attend tonight's meeting to discuss the progress on the water line project.

Visitors were recognized. Candy Rinehart said the hole is getting worse in the lot next to Candyland.

Main Street Manager Rana Taylor gave an update on the tree project. She said a survey was conducted last week and, at this point, 10 or 11 trees that are growing around power lines will be removed and replaced with smaller trees. They will also remove the tree by the Lasure property on Howard Street. This is all part of a Municipal Tree Restoration Program and will be done at no cost to the city or Main Street. It is a cooperative effort between the WV Division of Forestry, Allegheny Power Company and Appalachian Power.

Jim Hayes asked what the mayor found out about 4-wheelers on the railroad right of way. Mayor Stafford said he contacted both CSX and Consol and they both discouraged riders due to the liability. Hayes asked why the city didn't pass an ordinance like Rivesville's ATV ordinance. The mayor said the 4-wheelers were causing too many problems in town to allow them free access.

Water Plant Operator Ted Nice said Scott Aldridge is doing a nice job in training at the plant and will be ready to work on this own next week.

Denny Clark commended the city on the upkeep of the streets. He repeated his request to have Nay Street extension paved since it is one of the last unpaid alleys in town. He also asked for the alley behind his house to be cleared by a brush hog. Mayor Stafford said he would look it over to see if the city can do it with their equipment. Clark also spoke on the need for more drug enforcement by the Mannington Police Department, particularly in Clayton Addition.

Superintendent Charles Rexrode said Bub Stout has requested fill dirt on Grafton Street. Ernie Martin was contacted to do the job.

Chief of Police David James gave his May report in which he noted that they had received 197 calls for assistance. He also read a letter from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety commending his department for complying with the racial profiling data reports.

Fluharty said the election went very smoothly with a 20% voter turnout. She said the votes have all been canvassed and the results certified.

The first item of new business was the Small Cities Block Grant application. A second public hearing was held prior to this meeting on the city's proposed application for the demolition of four structures, i.e. 141 Buffalo Street, 308 and 400 Washington Street and the old Wintergarden property. Garcia made the motion to authorize the filing of the SCBG application in the amount of \$500,000 for the demolition of the four buildings and to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary paperwork. Powell seconded the motion and all approved. Mayor Stafford then signed the application.

The ordinance creating a new position in the Street/Water Department has not been received from the city attorney yet so that item was scratched from the agenda.

The Fire Department's request to purchase nine minitors from Elecom was reviewed. Liller made the motion to authorize the purchase of the minitors at the cost of \$3,258 with monies from the Fire Fund. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Stafford expressed his thanks to city council for their dedication and commitment during his term as mayor. He also thanked those in attendance for participating in city government. Councilwoman Liller said she had enjoyed working with Stafford and thought that much had been accomplished during his term.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.