

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 4, 2007

The first regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, June 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Denny Powell and Michelle Rosier.

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

Jami Trowbridge thanked the police department, particularly Andy Kolb, for patrolling High Street. She said it has made a difference with the speeding.

Joe Pethtel asked if he could put blocks in the ravine next to the Robinson property. Mayor Stafford said that as long as the property owner gave him permission, he could not see a problem with it. However, he will consult with the code enforcement officer.

Chief Water Plant Operator Ted Nice said he is scheduled for in-service training on July 10 & 11. He also reported that Consol will begin taking water for their Curtisville operations tomorrow.

Janet Hukkanen, a resident of Pyles Avenue, reported dumping by the car wash.

Park Board member George Rinehart said the pool is open and he expressed thanks to Mayor Stafford who he said was very instrumental in getting the pool opened.

Nick Fantasia reported that he has sold his dealership American Chevrolet. He said his experience in Mannington was very enjoyable and especially praised the rail trail and the downtown renaissance. Fantasia said the new owners will attend a later meeting to introduce themselves.

Mayor Stafford read the written Street/Water Department report. He also asked Superintendent Charles Rexrode to express his thanks to Dennis Hayes for his help at the pool.

Orie Ellen Sterling said the deadline for the Bowers Grant is June 15 and recommended the city ask for funding for new sidewalks in Southside.

Jim Hayes questioned the city's jurisdiction over the old railroad tracks. Mayor Stafford is to get back to him.

Peggy Holbert said she loves the town but would like to see the Mannington IGA cleaned up. She suggested that they be required to put up a fence.

Fluharty reminded everyone of the election tomorrow and urged them to vote. She said the mayor/council must meet and act as the canvassing board on Monday, June 11. The meeting was set for 6:00 p.m.

The first item under old business was the Bowers grant decision. Council was polled. Liller, Garcia and Rosier said sidewalks. Powell said street repairs. Garcia made the motion to authorize the application for new sidewalks. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Powell voted no.

The four-way stop on High Street was discussed. According to the DOH, the city would be liable if accidents occurred on High Street as a result of the signs. The mayor suggested heavier police patrols instead.

Tony Michalski of the Marion County Parks & Rec asked council to reconsider funding the 6-week playground program. He said this year they are asking for \$1,000 to fund it. Michalski presented a packet outlining the program and the activities scheduled for this summer. Garcia made the motion to amend the Mead Fund FY 2007-08 budget to include \$1,000 for the Playground Program. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The money will be taken from the contingency account.

Councilman Powell asked where the money would come from to pay for water used in firefighting when the city goes online with Fairmont. Mayor Stafford said Dave Sago will be at the June 18th meeting and that question can be addressed then.

Mayor Stafford recommended that Edward Price be appointed as the Assistant to the Street/Water Superintendent. Powell made the motion to appoint Price subject to a 90-day probation period. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Nice submitted the names of Greg Music and Scott Aldridge to work as part time operators at the water plant. Rosier made the motion to approve Music and Aldridge as part time employees to be paid the standard rate per the other part time operators. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Rosier made the motion to adjourn. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.