

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 11, 2008

The first regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, August 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Harold Rosencrance, 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 visitor's portion of the meeting, Jim Hayes asked why his son was still being billed for the municipal service charge for his two properties in Hough Addition since council had previously agreed to remove the charge. Fluharty said council discussed it at a prior meeting but they had not voted on the removal because it was not on the agenda. She said it was on tonight's agenda. Fluharty provided a section of Ordinance #363 which states that the service charge shall be per residential unit, whether or not occupied. Mayor White said he had no problem reclassifying the one house as a garage since all the utilities have been removed and it is being used for storage. He also recommended that the service charge be removed from the other property on Summit Drive that is to be razed provided it is torn down within six months. If not, the \$12.00 will be reinstated. Rosencrance made the motion to adjust the service charge for the Hayes account per the mayor's recommendation. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

Judy Hamilton asked if the city had found out anything about Beech Street in Grandview. Mayor White said the city clerk had found the plat map and Beech Street is not shown on it.

Ron Powell said he signed a complaint about the alley in Grandview and asked what would happen next. Mayor White said that the alley was never closed or abandoned so it is still open and if the fence is in the wrong place, it must be moved. He asked Powell if he had talked to his neighbors to see what they thought of the idea of switching properties with the Fair Board. He said 90% did not like that idea and one had no opinion. White then suggested that Powell get a signed petition from those property owners who abut the alley to see their preference. The matter will be placed on the

next meeting's agenda. Ron Talkington said any property swap would not be equal.

In his report, White said he recently met with Mannington PSD about their \$5.4 project to expand their service. He also reported on a phone call from Delegate Mike Caputo with the news that a \$24,000 grant was awarded to the Sanitary Board through the governor's office. He said those funds might delay the need for a sewer rate increase at this time. White noted that the city did not receive any funding from the Bowers Trust Fund this year.

Councilman Starsick said the Ryans would like to dedicate the football field in their dad's honor during homecoming this year and he asked if they had submitted any plans for the signs/plaque. White said they had not and asked Fluharty to get in touch with Ruth Ice to see when they would be submitted and to get a timeline for the dedication.

The mayor read the Street & Water Department's written report. White said the mayor of Farmington contacted him about "renting" a city employee and the brush hog to clean up their town. He asked if council had any problem with helping Farmington. They will be charged \$225 for each day that the equipment/employee is used. No one had any objections.

The first item under old business was the second reading and public hearing on Ordinance #386. Rosencrance made the motion to read the heading only. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Garcia made the motion to adopt Ordinance #386 which deals with 911 addressing/mapping. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

The second reading and public hearing on Ordinance #387 followed. Liller made the motion to read the heading only. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Starsick made the motion to adopt Ordinance #387 which provides for the control of liquor and other controlled substances. Watson seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor White recommended that Dave Liller be reappointed to the Sanitary Board when his term expires later this month. Rosencrance made the motion to reappoint Liller to another 3-year term on the Sanitary Board.

Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Liller abstained. His new term will expire on August 24, 2011.

White said that after reviewing the qualified candidates for the Assistant to the Superintendent's position, Ted Nice rose to the top of the applicants because of his qualifications, his good communication skills and because he gets along well with people. He then recommended Nice for the job. Starsick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and hire Ted Nice as the Assistant to the Superintendent subject to a 90-day probation. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia and Watson voted no.

Rosencrance made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.