

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2008

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Harold Rosencrance, Terry Starsick, and Del Watson.

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

Under the visitors' portion, Jim Hayes said he was glad that the Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton was present tonight because he wanted him to know that the situation on Mannington Avenue is worse. Horton said when he and the Chief of Police inspected the property after his notification to the owner, the building was secure and the property had been cleaned.

Fair Board President Bob Thorne said the gate on the Grandview alley is unlocked until next year's fair. Mayor White said the surveyor was up last week and marked the points on the alley but they were gone today when he went up to look at them. He said the decision on the alley would be on the next agenda. Superintendent Charles Rexrode said there are no water lines in that alley. Garcia asked about the sewer lines but Rexrode did not know.

Ray Shadrick said the Girls' Softball/Pop Warner concession stand at Hough Park is complete except for the soffit and fascia. He also said the green building would be removed this week. He thanked the mayor and council for the donation for the building.

Patrolman Andy Kolb said he would like to thank Al Wolfe, Rick Corwin and the Marion County Sheriff's Department for helping him apprehend a suspect last week.

Mayor White read the written reports for the Street & Water Department and the Police Department. Chief Plant Operator Ted Nice said the elevated levels of iron & manganese are due to the fact that the Huey Run pump has been out of operation for several months. Jim Moran said that D & G Machine is to take the crane to Huey Run tomorrow morning to install the pump.

Fluharty reported that the Town of Farmington paid the invoice for use of the city's tractor and employee.

Horton said that he notified the owners of 505 Meadow Avenue that immediate action is needed on that house. He said the neighbors are interested in purchasing the property and he relayed that information to them also. Horton asked Mayor White to set up a hearing for Alexandra Amsbary about her property on Clarksburg Street. He reported that he has received numerous complaints from the tenants of Mannington Manor and he will be contacting the Fairmont Housing Authority for assistance in correcting that situation.

Mayor White asked if the DEP had reported on their testing results from the Longstreth building on Pyles Avenue. Fluharty said they called today and were to email the results but she has not received them yet.

Under Old Business was the first reading of Ordinance #388 that approves the transfer of the TV cable franchise. Garcia made the motion to read the heading only. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Liller made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #388. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved. A public hearing will be held during the September 15 meeting.

The first item under New Business was Pay Requisition #22 for the SCBG Water Project. Mayor White recommended that it be approved for payment. Rosencrance made the motion to approve payment of Pay Requisition #22 for \$18,667.75. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Watson & Garcia voted no.

Proposals for paving portions of Monroe Street were received from C W Stickley (\$13,050), Northcentral Paving (\$12,349.80) and Rob Yost (\$11,187). White said he would recommend the low bid by Yost be accepted provided he responds promptly and does it for the per ton rate. Rosencrance made the motion to approve the proposal from Rob Yost provided he meets the mayor's stipulations. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Rosencrance made the motion to authorize an ordinance to auction the Dodge Durango, the 1976 Dodge Power Wagon and Johnson boat trailer/motor and the Sanitary Board's 1989 Chevrolet truck. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

A quote to remove a tree on Walnut Avenue was reviewed. The property owner next to the alley has agreed to pay for its removal if the city pays to top it off. Council asked Rexrode to get additional quotes. Liller said there is a dead tree at Bowers Park that also needs removed. White asked Rexrode to get a quote on that tree also. White asked for council's okay to award the job to the lowest bidder once the additional quotes are received. Liller made the motion to authorize the mayor to award the job to the lowest bidder. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

The only bid received in response to the ad for a new rescue truck was from Fouts Brothers Fire Equipment for \$78,400. Fire Chief Moran reviewed the bid and asked council to accept it. He said the funding is all set up for it. Mayor White recommended that the bid from Fouts be accepted. Rosencrance made the motion to approve the bid from Fouts Fire Equipment for the 2009 Ford F-550 Rescue Truck for \$78,400. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was the grant application for sewage equipment in the amount of \$24,200. White said the Sanitary Board would provide the 20% match of \$4,840. Garcia made the motion authorizing the submission of the application to the Local Economic Development Assistance Program and authorizing the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.