

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 21, 2008**

The second regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, July 21, 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 regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

Judy Hamilton said the road through her trailer park in Grandview is not a city street. She said the previous owner gave the city a right of way to use the road but it is not owned by the city. She said her plans are to close the park and she doesn't want a public street running through her property. Mayor White said the city would check into it and review their plans.

Harold Clovis' complaint about a storage garage blocking Mannington Avenue extension was heard. The code enforcement officer will check on it.

Richard Castleberry told council that he had purchased the property on Buffalo Street that was formerly owned by Jim Spade. He said the deed was recorded last week and they have plans for major renovations. The mayor said a building permit must be secured before the repairs are started.

Marjorie Hiltner asked for permission to park along her property on Bluff Street that borders a city alley. She said parking is at a premium in the area and this would provide them a permanent place to park. She said the storm sewer grate needs raised. Council reviewed the pictures and saw no problem.

In his report, Mayor White told Superintendent Charlie Rexrode that the drain along Sycamore Road needs work and suggested he get permission from the property owner to install an 18" culvert. He also said that the drain by Helen Wilson's needed opened up.

White and several council members have received complaints about the garbage at the residence on the corner of Grant & Fairview

**Streets. Officer Andy Kolb said that he gave them a warning about it last night. Chief James told Kolb that he may need to issue them a citation.**

**John Higgins said the Fire Department has purchased a boat and would like to conduct a training class at the Dent's Run Dam. Council okayed the class. He also said they would like to purchase a Honda generator from the First Exchange Bank for \$1,000. Watson made the motion to approve the purchase of the generator for \$1,000. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved.**

**The mayor read the written Street & Water Department report.**

**Chief James gave his department's June report. He said they had received 179 calls for assistance. James also noted that they had received a letter from the Governor's Highway Safety Program stating that his department had a 0% rejection rate for their report submissions and may qualify for funding.**

**Under old business, Mayor White said he would like to post two jobs. The first was the full time patrolman position that will be open if and when Shawn Davis leaves. Rosencrance made the motion to okay the posting of the patrolman position upon Davis' resignation. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.**

**White said he would also like to repost the Assistant to the Street & Water Superintendent position. Starsick made the motion to authorize the posting of the assistant's position. Liller seconded the motion and it carried with Watson and Garcia voting no.**

**Mayor White recommended that the football field at Hough Park be named Cassy Ryan Athletic Field as proposed by Ryan's family at the last council meeting. Rosencrance made the motion to accept the recommendation and name the field Cassy Ryan Athletic Field with the understanding that his family will provide drawings of the sign & plaque before proceeding. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.**

**General Fund budget revision #1 for the FY 2008-09 budget was reviewed. Liller made the motion to approve the revisions as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.**

The Mead Fund budget for fiscal year 2008-09 was discussed. Mayor White said that since the income is dependent on the stock market and interest rates, it is difficult to determine the exact amount of money that will be available during the year. He recommended that council only approve partial funding for most of the requesting agencies, except for the operating funds for the Park Board and Main Street, and then review the income in six months to see if additional funding is feasible. Starsick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and approve the Mead Fund budget as is but subject to a six-month review. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

Rosencrance made the motion to authorize the purchase of a new cruiser through the State Purchasing Agency with Mead Fund monies. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

The first reading of Ordinance #386 that provides for the cooperation of the City of Mannington with the Marion County Commission for the implementation of 9-1-1 addressing and mapping within the City was the next item on the agenda. Liller made the motion to read the heading only. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved. Fluharty read the heading. Garcia made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #386. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

The first reading of Ordinance #387 that provides for the control of liquor and other intoxicating and controlled substances was next. Rosencrance made the motion to read the heading only. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Liller made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #387. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

The Sanitary Board's need for a rate increase was discussed. White said they have made numerous cutbacks in staff and expenses but several major breakdowns have occurred and they are continuing to run in the red. He recommended that a rate increase be approved. Garcia asked if a decision could be delayed until the North Marion expansion project is approved. Board member Dave Liller said that is several years away. White added that letters have recently been sent to Senator Kessler and the three area delegates asking for funding. He said if the Sanitary Board does not hear something positive from them, he will again

ask for a rate increase. The Board's accountant has recommended a 19% increase.

Fluharty's request to hire Janice Whinnie as a part time employee in her office was approved by Rosencrance. Liller seconded the motion and all approved. This position is being funded by the Sanitary Board.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.