

## Council Meeting of October 20, 2008

The second regular October meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, October 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance 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.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Main Street Manager Jim Taylor announced that Halloween Town will be celebrated on November 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with participating businesses placing a pumpkin outside. He also said Backwoods Flowers will be holding a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 3 at 10:00 a.m. and he invited the mayor and council to attend. Lastly, he said the annual Christmas parade has been set for December 6 at 1:00 p.m.

Vicky Starsick said the new concession stand at Hough Park now has electricity and they no longer need to use the field lights.

Shirley Stanton, a candidate for Family Court Judge, addressed the crowd and asked for their support in the upcoming election.

Mayor White said that Reverend Roth of the First Baptist Church is looking for projects for his church's youth group. They have \$1,000 and would like to use it on youth-oriented projects. Any ideas should be submitted to Rev Roth. Updating the Huey Playground was one idea suggested.

White also said he was recently contacted by the mayor of Grant Town who asked for the city's support in future fights against water rate increases by Fairmont.

In department reports, Fire Chief Jim Moran said they had received 14 calls for assistance in September. He also reported that they found an aerial truck in Montoursville, Pa, which, if purchased, would keep the City at a Class Five ISO rating, and put his department up-to-date and certified. He said the regulations call for two aerials but if the city has one then they can use a reserve from an area town such as Hundred or Farmington to meet that standard. He added that this truck would replace the 1964 Mac and the 1968 aerial. The plans are for the city to make payments on the new rescue truck with money from the Fire Fund and the department would pay cash for the aerial. He asked for authorization to bid out the aerial truck.

The mayor read the written Street & Water Department report. Superintendent Rexrode was asked to contact the contractor putting in the new water line to let them know

that the CSX right of way behind the Home Center needs smoothed out and returned to its original condition. Many people walk through there and it needs redressed.

Fluharty reported that the Mead Fund income is down 12% from last year for the four months of this fiscal year.

In a follow-up to an issue at the last meeting, Councilman Starsick said he opened up the right of way in Sycamore to pedestrians. Councilman Rosencrance said he looked it over and Starsick did a very good job.

The first item under new business was the auction bids. The following high bids were received at the October 18 auction: Russell Yost \$1300 for the 2003 Durango, Adam Dillon \$1200 for the Dodge Ram Charger, Harold Moran \$100 for the boat trailer and Bill Stout \$125 for the boat motor. Mayor White recommended that they all be accepted. Rosencrance made the motion to accept all of the above high bids. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Moran asked that the money from the sale of the fire department items be put into their truck fund. Garcia made the motion to put the \$1425 from the auction into the Fire Fund capital outlay account. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty reported that audit committee has recommended Teed & Associates as the firm to conduct the city's 2008 and 2009 audits. She said it was very close between two firms but the \$2,500 difference in the costs was the deciding point. Fluharty noted that Teed had done audits of the Town of Farmington and the city clerk was pleased with the firm's work. Starsick made the motion to accept the committee's recommendation of Teed & Associates to conduct the 2008 and 2009 audits for a total cost of \$8,000. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Sides Construction's bid to remove the tree in Bowers Park was reviewed. Rexrode said he contacted several other contractors but none submitted bids. White asked for authorization to let Sides do the job. Garcia made the motion to approve the bid from Sides Construction. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was the mayor's recommendation that council give the Fire Department authorization to put out bids for an aerial truck. Garcia made the motion to advertise for a used aerial truck using the fire department's specifications. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

Liller made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.