

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2007

The second regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, August 20, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Robbie Ice, Betty Liller, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

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

Lea Wolfe of Region Six presented Small Cities Block Grant Pay Requisition #14 in the amount of \$93,529.82 and Budget Amendment #8 for council's review. The Requisition included invoices for administration services by Region VI (\$1228.52), payment to Eastern Tank and Supply for the Burt Hill storage tank (\$65,450.00), engineering services by Greenhorne & O'Mara (\$19,920.00), reimbursement to the City of Fairmont for legal services (\$3706.30), accounting services related to a Rule 42 (\$1,500.00), CSX permit fee (\$750.00) and appraisal services for Ice property (\$975.00). The budget amendment is for a wetlands study by Greenhorne & O'Mara. Liller made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #14 as presented. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. Starsick made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #8. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

The resident of 706 Burt Street reported a problem with water run-off. He said a berm is needed to divert the water from his property. Mayor White asked Superintendent Charlie Rexrode to look over the situation to determine the best solution. It was also suggested that the code enforcement officer should look over the property next to 706 Burt Street.

Ron Powell thanked the mayor and council for listening to their concerns about the Fair Board's fence/gate.

Libby Glover asked if the Planning Commission's recommendation about First Street in Hough Addition would be discussed tonight. Mayor White said Chairman Ken Witt is not present so it will not be on tonight's agenda. White said it may not be discussed again until the Commission's October meeting. Glover asked about the September 12th meeting. Fluharty said that is a special meeting of the Planning Commission and on the agenda is three public hearings. Glover distributed some more material on the issue to the mayor and council. Kim and Amanda Thorne were present to support opening the street.

In his report, Mayor White said he had talked to State Senator Roman Prezioso about the acquisition of the former State Road garage so that it could be used as the site of a heritage park. He will keep council updated. White said he would like to form a committee to review the city's emergency plans.

Jim Troy gave the Fire Department's monthly report.

The Street/Water Department's written report was reviewed.

Chief of Police David James reported that his department had received 166 calls for assistance during the month of July.

Fluharty was given the okay to put a notice in the newspaper about the vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Orie Ellen Sterling and Lenny Stafford's names were submitted for appointment to the Middle School Task Force. Liller made the motion to appoint Sterling and Stafford. Ice seconded the motion and all approved. Three more members are needed.

Several board appointments were the next item on the agenda. Mayor White said the terms of Betty Liller and George Rinehart have expired on the Park Board. At this time, he recommended that Liller be reappointed. Garcia made the motion to appoint Liller to another six year term on the park board. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. Liller abstained.

It was agreed to table any decision on the Planning Commission vacancy created when Miles Cunningham declined reappointment.

Mayor White said that Jimmy Thorne's term on the Sanitary Board expired in November 2006 and he would like to recommend Charles Hall be appointed to fill that slot. Liller made the motion to appoint Hall to a three year term on the Sanitary Board. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved. His term will expire November 21, 2009. The mayor said letters of thanks and appreciation would be written to Cunningham and Thorne.

Since money was recently received from the Bowers Trust for sidewalks and money was allocated in the Mead Fund for paving, Mayor White asked for the authorization to advertise for bids. Garcia made the motion to authorize the bids for street paving and sidewalk replacement. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief James reported that Shawn Davis has successfully completed his probation period. Mayor White recommended that Davis be hired on a permanent basis. Garcia made the motion to hire Davis as a regular, full time employee. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor White said that two of the city's salaried people have accumulated a large block of comp time and he would like the city to buy out 25% of it in order to get it reduced to a more manageable number. Garcia made the

motion to buy out 25% of the comp time of James and Fluharty. Ice seconded the motion and it carried.

Since the ordinance was passed creating the Class III laborer position and it has been advertised, Mayor White recommended that Ted Nice be hired to fill the Class III position. Garcia made the motion to hire Nice as a Class III employee effective when the city goes on-line with Fairmont. Ice seconded the motion and it carried.

White also recommended that Mike Williams be hired to fill the temporary position in the Street Department. Liller made the motion to employ Williams on a temporary basis. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

The sweeper bids were opened. Only one was received and it was from Nite-Hawk Sweepers in the amount of \$63,715. White said he would check on the lease-purchase option and report back at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 4.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.