

## Council Meeting of December 3, 2007

The first regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, December 3, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at city hall. An informational meeting with Marion County Assessor Jim Priester was held from 6:30 p.m. until 7:30 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.

Visitors included Rosemary Raschella from Region Six PDC who presented the Community Participation Grant application in the amount of \$28,000 for improvements at the sewer plant. She said it included a 10% match from the city. Mayor White recommended support for the application and approval of the \$2,800 match. Garcia made the motion to approve the application and the 10% matching funds. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

Raschella then presented Pay Requisition #16 for the SCBG in the amount of \$2,184.28 for administrative expenses. Liller made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #16. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

Linda Ashby from North Central Community Action gave a report on the Group Workcamp that is scheduled to start in Mannington the week of July 20. She said the group will do minor repairs to 60-80 homes in the Mannington area. They focus on low-income or senior citizens' homes. Ashby provided brochures with additional information and contact numbers.

Under department reports, Mayor White read the Street/Water Department report.

Fluharty reported that Martin Repair has completed work on the wall behind Starsick's house on Marshall Street plus she said the letter has been written to Bruce Bandi at Wesbanco asking for a meeting about the Bowers Trust Fund.

Charlie Hall asked if the city was locked into the water deal with Fairmont. Mayor White said while Fairmont is behind on their time schedule, it is up in the air as to whether they have breached the contract. He said a letter has been written to Dave Sago, Fairmont's Utility Manager, asking for an update on the project and asking for a status report on their plant. Sago called this week to say they are preparing a response. Councilman Garcia said he was told that Governor Manchin can be approached for emergency funding for a new plant if the deal with Fairmont

falls through. Councilman Starsick asked if a third source of water would be necessary before funding could be secured for a new plant. Mayor White said that seems to be the case since an inadequate water supply was the major bone of contention when the city applied for funding for a new plant.

The mayor read a letter from Chief James recommending that Donnie Efaw be employed as a regular, part time patrolman since he has successfully completed his probation period. White said he agreed with James' recommendation and asked council to hire Efaw on a permanent basis. Garcia made the motion to employ Donnie Efaw as a regular, part time patrolman. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

White said a discussion concerning the fair parade is needed soon to avoid the problem that occurred last year when the route was changed a day before the parade. He said it may be necessary to change the route in order to avoid tying up Route 250 during the parade. Several people suggested that the parade line-up be returned to Southside. Jack Wilson, a member of the Fair Board, said he would bring it up at their next meeting.

The final item of business was another appointment to the Middle School Task Force. Mayor White said that Elizabeth Sauro has volunteered to serve and he recommends that she be appointed. Garcia made the motion to appoint Elizabeth Sauro to the task force. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Ice seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.