

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF MARCH 10, 2008**

**A special meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, March 10, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Robbie Ice, Betty Liller, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.**

**The first item of business was several board appointments. Mayor White recommended that Duane Shutler and Lora Michael be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals and George Rinehart to the Park Board. Garcia made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and reappoint Shutler & Michael to the Board of Zoning Appeals and Rinehart to the Park Board. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.**

**Garcia made the motion declaring April as Fair Housing Month in the City of Mannington. Ice seconded the motion and it carried.**

**The final item of business was the first reading of the budgets for fiscal year 2008-09. Ray Shadrick was present to answer any questions about the request from the Girl's Softball Association for funding from the Mead Fund. Shadrick explained their plans to build a concession stand in cooperation with Pop Warner Football. Mayor White said the construction should be masonry since it will be in a potential flood area. Shadrick said if the blocks are donated then it will be masonry. Shadrick was advised to attend the next Park Board meeting to iron out any conflicts with the park's concessions before beginning the project. Mayor White asked City Clerk Michele Fluharty to write letters to the Park Board and the Community Building Foundation advising them that they must report back to the city once they receive a response to their funding requests to the Marion County Commission. The proposed General and Water Fund budgets were then reviewed. Discussion followed as to whether to give the employees a 3% or 5% raise. Garcia and Watson supported the 3% while Starsick and Liller said they would like to include a 5% raise. Ice said he had no opinion but did ask if it included a raise for the code enforcement officer. Fluharty said that position is paid a flat fee so it is not subject to the raise. Mayor White said he would support a 5% with the understanding that the employees should know what is expected of them and they should cooperate when they are asked to do something. He cited the repeated requests by himself and council for illegal cars to be towed. White then made the recommendation to approve the General Fund, Coal Severance Fund and Water Fund budgets with the 5% raise included with the understanding that more production and cooperation is needed from the employees but to delay the final action on the Mead Fund budget until the Marion County Commission makes its decision on funding requests from the Park Board and the Community Building Foundation. Starsick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation concerning the budgets for FY 2008-09. Ice seconded the motion and all approved.**

**Ice made the motion to adjourn. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.**