

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2008

The second regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, April 21, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

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

Sheena Hunt of Region Six was to be present to ask for payment of Pay Requisition #18 for the engineering and admin services on the water tank project but was unable to attend. White asked for a motion to approve the pay requisition since copies were provided for council's review. Councilman Garcia asked about the location of the master meter as it pertains to the upcoming Fairmont/Mannington water project. Starsick said that had nothing to do with the requisition. Garcia said he wanted to discuss it before voting on the requisition. Mayor White said that upon review of the plans, he discovered that the master meter was not at the tank as was originally planned. He said a meeting was held in Fairmont to discuss some of the issues between the parties including the location of the master meter. Mayor White said it came down to a choice between a chlorination building or a pit for the master meter. He said that due to the lack of room at the tank, he and Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering agreed to move it to a site farther from the tank but owned by the city so that the city employees would have better access to it. White asked Plant Operator Ted Nice which he would prefer. Nice said he would prefer the building to a pit. White added that an addendum to the contract would be necessary. After more discussion, White said he would ask Watson to attend the next meeting to provide more information on that decision. The pay requisition was tabled until the next meeting.

Ronnie Talkington asked about the alley in Grandview. Mayor White explained the compromise that was reached to give all the adjoining property owners a key to the Fair Board's gate. Talkington said he did not get a key and he did not agree with that decision. Mayor White said the issue could be revisited but it seems to have become a feud between the Fair Board and the neighbors. He said the alley might need to be smoothed out for access but the city will not mow it on a regular basis because they do not maintain similar alleys in town. White asked Rexrode to make sure that all the adjoining property owners got keys.

Jim Hayes thanked the city for the speed bump extension on Grant Street.

In the mayor's report, White read a letter of resignation from Councilman Robbie Ice. He said a notice would be put in the Times-West Virginian asking anyone interested in filling Ice's seat from Precinct #67 to submit a letter of interest to the city clerk's office. He also said that the chief of police would like council to adopt an ordinance providing penalties for first offense possession of controlled substances, etc. White asked them to consider the idea before the next meeting.

Fire Chief Jim Moran gave his department's March report. He said they received 12 calls during the month. He also reported that a committee would be going to Harrisburg, Pa in May to look at new fire trucks. He said when the bids were opened earlier in the year; the low bid vehicle was obsolete.

Mayor White read the Street/Water Department's written report. He said there have been some complaints about the street sweeper but it is an ongoing process to learn the correct way and the best time to use it.

The first item under old business was the opening of the mowing bids for the water plant property. The following were received: Efaw's Lawn Service \$120, Henry Gill \$150 and Earl Corrothers \$200. Starsick made the motion to accept the low bid by Efaw's Lawn Service. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Under new business, the Fire Department's request to re-bid for a new truck was discussed. Garcia made the motion to authorize the re-bidding. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

Liller made the motion to adjourn. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.