

## COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 2007

The second regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, December 17, 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.

Under visitors, Teresa Price read an email that the city clerk sent to her in response to an email Fluharty had received about the city's website. Price said she did not write the email but received a copy of the clerk's response in her mailbox. Bessie Kenner said a street light is needed on Water Street by her mother's house. She said that her sister was hit by a car crossing the street. Mayor White said that area will be well lit once the trailhead project is completed. Keener also expressed concern about the police department's handling of the accident. Chief of Police David James responded by saying his department had very little information on the incident and if her relatives had information, they should bring it into the police department. Ted Nice thanked the city for the gift basket that he received when his grandmother died and said he, Greg, Scott and John appreciated the recent Christmas bonus.

Mayor White reported that he received a letter from the Governor's Office acknowledging receipt of the grant application for the Sanitary Board. He also said that council would like to invite County Commissioner Randy Elliott to the January 7 meeting to discuss several matters including the water project.

Deputy Fire Chief Jim Troy gave his department's report. They received 14 calls for the month.

The mayor read the Street/Water Department report.

Chief James gave the police department report and said they had received 181 calls for assistance last month.

The only item under old business was the alley in Grandview. Mayor White said the city's 2004 plat shows the alley was open then and there is no documentation that it has been closed or abandoned since that date. He said he understands that the Fair Board is trying to upgrade their fences and to provide space for trailers during the fair. White said the city has no problem with that but if the Board has documentation that the alley has been closed or abandoned, they should present it to the city. Ron Powell said property owners who abut the alley should have access to it. White asked Ron Powell and Ronnie Talkington if they would object if the gate was locked during the fair and both said they would have no objections. Councilman Starsick said the Fair Board should be given a time frame to provide the documentation. White said

he would write a letter giving the Board 30 days to produce documentation or to remove the lock.

Under new business, Fire Chief Jim Moran said his department needs another truck, particularly a rescue/pumper truck. He asked for authorization to advertise for bids. Moran said it would take nine months to get the truck. White asked if a letter has been written to the Marion County Commission asking for help with the purchase. Starsick asked if Consol has been approached. Moran said they would write letters to the County Commission and Consol. Mayor White recommended that bids be advertised. Garcia made the motion to authorize the advertisement for a new fire truck. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. Ice abstained.

Mayor White asked council to consider granting \$3,000 to the Sanitary Board to help cover their expenses which include a \$10,000 pump. Starsick made the motion to grant \$3,000 to the Sanitary Board from the Mead Fund. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty presented the Annual Budget and Annual Report for RUS which was prepared by Accountant Gary Bennett. After reviewing the report, Liller made the motion to approve the report as prepared by Bennett. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Ice made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.