

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 7, 2008

The first regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, July 7, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Harold Rosencrance, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

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

Under the visitors' portion of the meeting, Alan Ice who was representing the Ryan family asked that the football field at Hough Park be named Cassey Ryan Athletic Field. He recited a list of Ryan's accomplishments and said that no one from Mannington had his credentials. Ice added that all costs incurred would be paid by Ryan's daughters. Mayor White said the idea was approved unanimously in their work session but an official vote will be taken at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. Ice said they would have the artist's conception of a sign and plaque for that meeting.

Pay Requisition #20 and Amendment #9 for the Small Cities Block Grant were reviewed. White recommended that both be okayed. Rosencrance made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #20 for \$34,324 and Amendment #9. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Jim Hayes said his son purchased two houses in Hough Addition and is being charged the monthly municipal service charge even though one is being used for storage and the other is to be torn down. White advised him to have his son write a letter to the City stating his use of the properties.

Bill Hunter said the All Class Reunion Committee would like to request use of the entire grounds at Hough Park on the second weekend of July 2011. That would include Friday night and all day Saturday. White said the Park Board handles those reservations but the City would forward the request.

Shaunda Ray, Mannington Main Street's Program Manager, introduced herself and outlined some of the events planned for 2008.

Randy Elliott reported on the recent Buffalo Valley Association meeting. He said they financed the tree removal project from Buffalo Creek that was done last week. He added that work on Pyles Fork is in the works.

Park Board President Katie Stafford presented the financial report that had been requested by the City. She also gave an update on the recent pool closing saying that it was not a paint problem but was caused by a defective pump. A new pump from D & G Machine was installed and the water is fine now. Stafford said that she needs a strong, working board because now, she and her husband are keeping the park going. She asked about the Mead Fund monies for the previous fiscal year. White explained the Mead deficit and said once the Board's report is reviewed, the amount of their allotment will be determined.

Lenny Stafford invited the mayor and council to come to the park to see how nice it looks. Mayor White said they appreciated all the work done by the Park Board. The recent letter from Fibre Tech stating they were not responsible for the pool liner was discussed. Elliott said the Marion County Commission's attorney, Chuck Shields, is pursuing legal action against them because there was a 25-year warranty on the liner.

Nassif Rohanna said he was there to support the Ryan family's request. He also said the bushes in the center of town need trimmed.

Mayor White asked Superintendent Charlie Rexrode again to check with Sam Wilson to see if he is satisfied with the drain work in Sycamore.

The Fire Department submitted a written report for June. They received 26 calls in the month.

Fluharty said the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee could not find anyone to do the fireworks this year but would like to keep the City's \$2,500 donation so that they could have fireworks on Labor Day weekend. Since there is was a deficit in the Mead income last year, Rosencrance made the motion to ask the committee to return the \$2,500 to the city. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty provided copies of Ordinances #386 & #387 to council to review prior to the next meeting.

In his report, Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said Alexandra Amsbary who is the owner of the old Dibus property on the corner of Pleasant & Clarksburg Streets is trying to get funding to demolish the building. White said Amsbary should be advised that she cannot rebuild at that location due to the setback regulations. Horton was asked about the status of several properties including 111 Pyles Avenue, the old Longstreth building, the Rumbaugh house, the Castleberry property and Nwoko property on Mannington Avenue. Horton said he had contacted the owners of all of these properties but most do not live in Mannington. He said money should be set aside to maintain some of these properties and then place liens on the owners so that they can be demolished or sold. Horton also said the police department has the authority to cite people for trash and garbage on their property.

The first item of new business was the ten-year finance proposal from Comvest for the new fire truck. Garcia made the motion to accept the proposal. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

Rexrode presented a request for materials to encase the water line that crosses the creek into Whetstone. Watson made the motion to okay the purchase of the materials for \$820. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

White recommended that the assistant street & water superintendent position be posted. Starsick made the motion to authorize the job posting. Rosencrance seconded the motion. Starsick and Rosencrance voted aye, Watson and Garcia voted nay. The motion did not carry.

It was agreed to hold a 6:00 p.m. work session prior to the next meeting to finalize the 2008-09 Mead Fund budget.

Starsick suggested that a D & G Machine Day be held at Hough Park. Stafford said that was tried last year but they could not find a time when their employees could all attend. White suggested that a receipt be issued to D &

**G for the pump that they donated to the Park Board so that it can be used by them as a tax write-off. It was also agreed that a letter of thanks should be written by the Board to them for their help at the pool.**

**A list of equipment for the Fire Department was presented for approval. Garcia made the motion to okay the purchase of the equipment as presented. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. John Higgins said the prices might be less once the actual orders are placed.**

**Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.**