

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 16, 2008

The second regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, June 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, 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.

Pay Requisition #19 for the water project was reviewed and Mayor White recommended that it be approved. Liller made the motion to approve the requisition in the amount of \$32,306.26. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Candy Rinehart said that something needs done immediately about the old Dibus property on Clarksburg Street. She said it is dangerous due to it's gapping. Mayor White recounted the history of the notices and hearings held with the previous and current owners. However, he said that the code enforcement office will re-inspect the property and take the necessary action. If a hearing is scheduled, Rinehart will be notified. White asked Superintendent Charles Rexrode to cordon off the sidewalk to protect pedestrians from any debris. Rinehart said she is not blaming the city but wants something done to protect her property.

In his report, Mayor White reported that according to the trust agreement, the Mead Fund principle is tied up until 2080 and the city has no say in it's investment. He also noted that he contacted the DEP about the Longstreth property and they are waiting to hear from the city as to whether there are filled barrels in the building. Officer Andy Kolb inspected the building and provided pictures so the DEP will be notified again. White said that Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton will be at the next meeting or if he cannot attend, he will provide a detailed status report of his inspections and notices.

The pool's recent closing was discussed. Park Board member Betty Liller said that Lloyd White from the Marion County Health Department ordered it closed because the water was milky and you could not see the bottom of the pool. It has been speculated that the paint was not allowed to set long enough before the pool was filled but they cannot test the water for paint because no one knows what type of paint was used. Park Board President Katie Stafford is on vacation. Rinehart suggested a water sample be taken to Pool Queen in Fairmont. Fluharty said she was advised by George Rinehart, another Park Board member, that the pump was not working properly and that may be the problem. Liller said she was told that the new pump would not be ready until Friday. To avoid further delay, it was the consensus of the council that the pool be drained. Mayor White then recommended that the pool be drained as soon possible and it be hosed down with vinegar water before re-filling. Fire Chief Jim Moran said it would take several hours to refill it. The mayor asked Rexrode to take a sample of the water to Pool Queen on Tuesday morning. Starsick suggested that the paint manufacturer be contacted also.

Fire Chief Jim Moran said his department received 20 calls in April and 34 calls in May.

Mayor White read the written Street & Water Department report.

Fluharty said she contacted Allegheny Power about the changeover to the sodium lights and was told it would be fall before it is done.

The first item under old business was the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance #385 which sets a fee for fingerprinting and other services. Rosencrance made the motion to read the

heading only. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Mayor White asked for any comments before voting on it's adoption. None were received. Garcia made the motion to adopt Ordinance #385. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

Coal Severance Fund budget revision #2 was the first item under new business. Garcia made the motion to approve the revision as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mead Fund financial report was reviewed along with the revised quote from Rob Yost to pave several streets in town. Due to the increase in the cost of gasoline and asphalt, the bid has increased by more than \$9,000. That fact coupled with the decrease in the Mead Fund income has resulted in a shortage in that account. Mayor White recommended that the adjustments be made to the paving allotment and to the Park Board's funding. He also said that the Park Board needs to submit invoices for any pool repairs & maintenance costs, including the paint, as soon as possible so it can be determined how much money is available for paving. Council agreed that for fiscal year 2008-09, documentation in the form of invoices and/or financial statements be provided before checks will be issued. Starsick made the motion to amend the Mead Fund budget per the mayor's recommendation. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

One bid was received in response to the city's advertisement for a fire truck. The bid from Four Guys was in the amount of \$ 168,500. Mayor White asked Moran to review the bid before council acted on it.

The bids for the water meter reading were the final item of business. The lone bid was from Darla Martin in the amount of 70 cents per meter. Garcia made the motion to accept Martin's bid. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

After reviewing the fire truck bid, Moran said that the bid meets the specifications and it was a discount on the original price. Garcia then made the motion to accept the bid from Four Guys in the amount of \$168,500. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty is to check with Comvest about financing the truck.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.