

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2008

The first regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, June 2, 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.

Dave Carlin asked about the property at 706 Burt Street. Mayor White said Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton and Patrolman Andy Kolb did a survey through town and that property was included. White will do a follow-up with Horton to see what was done.

Fair Board President Bob Thorne asked about any parade route changes. He said they need a decision now. White said the route will stay as is since he had set May 1st as the deadline for any proposed revisions to the route this year and none had been submitted. Thorne suggested that Church Street be made one way for an hour or two during the parade so that traffic could be funneled out of the fairgrounds.

Thorne asked about the letter that the Board had received from the Sanitary Board about a fee to be assessed on the concessions and trailers during the fair. He produced water bills to prove that they pay for the sewerage. He said only gray water runs through the manholes and he sends letters advising the owners that their campers must be self-contained. White and the other Sanitary Board members said they were not aware that they paid sewerage and had no plans to double-charge the Fair Board. White said it would be discussed Thursday at the Sanitary Board meeting.

Thorne then addressed the alley issue in Grandview. He said he thought that was settled when the keys were issued. Mayor White said that access is still the issue and the change in the alley/street was never documented nor were the plats updated. He asked Thorne if the Board has anything in writing giving them permission to change the road. Thorne said the permission was verbal and they had nothing in writing.

In the mayor's report, White reported that he recently talked to the DEP about the Longstreth building. They advised him that if there were liquid-filled barrels or containers in the building then they would do an inspection. Officer Kolb said he could not reach the second floor because of the condition of the steps. White asked him to check with the Fire Department about the use of their extension ladder.

White also read a letter from WesBanco about the Mead Trust investments. He suggested a meeting with the Wesbanco account executives to explain the city's portfolio. Fluharty said that upon a quick review it looks like the Mead Fund budget will be at least \$6,000 short of projections due to the market fluctuations. White said the budget would need to be adjusted because of that shortfall.

White read the written Street/Water Department report. He asked Superintendent Charlie Rexrode to contact Sam Wilson to see if he is satisfied with the drain work done in Sycamore.

Chief of Police David James, in his May report, noted that they had received 154 calls for assistance during the month.

In her report, Fluharty said that Ernie Martin of Martin Repair was recently injured in a fall and will be laid up for at least a year. As a result, she got additional quotes for the city hall ramp repair job from Wildman Construction and Gocleanersplus. The low bid from Wildman was \$550 and council agreed to let him do the job.

Under old business, Fluharty reported that the internet access for the police department has been installed at a cost of \$815 by Tate Communications. Monies for the installation are included in the General Fund budget revision to be acted on later in the meeting.

The first item under new business was the sample addressing ordinance as provided by the Marion County Commission. White suggested that it be submitted to the city attorney for review. Garcia made the motion to authorize the city attorney to review the proposed ordinance. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance #385 which imposes fees for fingerprinting, reports, copies, etc. was reviewed by council. Liller made the motion to read the heading only. Rosencrance seconded the motion and all approved. Fluharty read the heading. Chief James said he would like to have one fee of \$10 for fingerprinting of both residents and nonresidents. Watson made the motion to change the fee for fingerprinting to \$10.00 for everyone. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #385. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor White asked Fluharty to contact Allegheny Power about the timeline for the change to the sodium streetlights.

The final fiscal year General Fund budget revisions were presented for approval. Liller made the motion to approve General Fund budget revision #5. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.