

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2008**

**The second regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, December 16, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance 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.**

**Main Street Director Jim Taylor thanked Chief of Police David James and Superintendent Charles Rexrode for their help with the Christmas parade. He also said that whenever the mayor is available to discuss grants, he would be glad to meet with him.**

**In his report, Mayor White said the city clerk has been working on collecting the delinquent business & occupation taxes but has not had much success. He asked that she present a report in the last meeting in January or the first in February. The next step will be going to the magistrate court to file for judgment. Concerning grants for demolition, White said he reviewed the paperwork from the WV Housing Development Fund but does not believe that would be the best avenue for the city since the money must be paid back.**

**Under department reports, Chief James said he would do his annual report at the next meeting. White read the Street & Water Department report. He said that after discussing it with Rexrode, they have agreed that the water line in the Peanut area needs replaced because it is prone to leaks. White said they hope to do that in the spring before the city goes online with Fairmont.**

**Under new business, two grant applications for the Sanitary Board were presented for council's approval. The Community Participation Program grant for \$14,400 is for new pumps and partial**

funding of an I & I study. The Local Economic Development Assistance Program grant for \$29,040 will purchase two new pumps, a lifting device and parts for the UV system. Garcia made the motion to authorize the submission of both applications and authorize the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork. Watson seconded the motion and it carried.

A grant application for Mannington Main Street for \$3,511 to purchase hanging baskets for downtown was the next item on the agenda. Taylor said he is contacting the area businesses for the \$350 matching funds. Rosencrance made the motion to authorize the submission of the application to the Community Participation Program for Main Street and to authorize the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said the current contract with Fibernet has expired and she would like to solicit proposals for new phone services for both city buildings. Liller made the motion to authorize Fluharty to get quotes for telephone/internet service for city hall. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Roth of the First Baptist Church arrived at this point in the meeting. He said his church had \$2000 in grant monies/matching funds that is to be used toward a community project. He said the Huey Playground was suggested as one area that needs work but asked if the city had other ideas. The trailhead was mentioned. Roth said they hoped to do these projects on an ongoing basis. Mayor White then suggested that the Huey Playground project be done this year and the trailhead in the following year. White said he would contact the Huey Playground Association to set up a meeting.

Rosencrance made the motion to adjourn. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.