

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6, 2009**

The first July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, July 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Larry Smith Terry Starsick, and Rana Taylor.

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

Rhonda Martin of Hough Addition said the yard on Poolside Drive across from her house has still not been mowed. She also said that when her relatives went to the park last week, the pool closed early and the park was dirty. Mayor Garcia said he would look into the complaints about the park.

Charlie Hall said Vine Street in Homewood needs patched and more traffic control is needed in the area.

Park Board member Betty Liller asked why Mayor Garcia had Katy Stafford write letters to the Board members asking them to resign. Garcia said he went to the park over the 4<sup>th</sup> and there no activities and he wants to see more being done. He said Stafford and her husband are the only ones working at the pool. Liller said Stafford asked to be in charge of the pool while Liller is in charge of the grounds and pavilions. Liller added if the mayor had consulted with council before asking for their resignations because he did not have the authority on his own. Garcia said it would be on the next meeting's agenda.

Main Street Manager Jim Taylor gave an update on their recent activities. He said a memorial walk for Larry Conaway is being planned for this fall along with a Chili Cook-off in September.

Chief of Police David James gave his department's June report noting they had received 163 calls for assistance.

Mayor Garcia read the Street & Water Department report.

Fluharty said Robert Farley provided proof that he has paid off the lien on his Water Street property but she is still waiting for the clear deed documentation from Phil Prichard. Fluharty also reported that Accountant Zach Dobbins has reviewed the Water Department books and would like to meet with council to discuss a rate

increase. It was agreed to meet with him in a work session prior to the next regular meeting.

Under old business, Garcia said the decision to provide Anthony Horton insurance coverage in lieu of a salary must be voted on again since additional funds will be needed in the budget to cover the cost. Fluharty said since Horton is not currently receiving a salary, the difference will be minimal. Starsick made the motion to provide insurance coverage for Horton in lieu of wages. Taylor seconded the motion. The motion carried with Moore, Starsick and Taylor voting aye. Michael and Smith voted no.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee was the first item under new business. Councilman Starsick said volunteers are needed to serve on the committee so there are activities next year for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. He also said he would like Main Street to be involved with the committee. Starsick asked the mayor if he would serve on it and Garcia agreed. Ralph Suter also volunteered. Fluharty said she would help with any of the paperwork. Starsick said some members of the fire department are willing to get training so the city will have someone in house to do the fireworks. If not, Chief James said Keith Williams from Hundred is certified.

Starsick said the DOH should be contacted to conduct a traffic study at the Rainbow Plaza and Homewood intersections. He said the traffic count has increased substantially with Consol's new portal and the one at Metz. Garcia said he would call the DOH. Commissioner Randy Elliott said he would like to see those traffic count figures once the study is complete because they can be used for economic development. He said if the count is over 10,000; businesses will be interested in locating in this area. James said an earlier request from the city was denied because the drive-ins at the Rainbow Plaza and the North Marion Credit Union were not directly across from each other.

Coal Severance Fund Budget Revision #1 was approved in a motion by Smith. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. The revision was to adjust the unencumbered balance at the beginning of the fiscal year.

The Solid Waste Authority has asked the city for potential sites for the recycling center in Mannington. Elliott said he received numerous complaints about the center when it was located on his Meadow Avenue property. He said any new site needs to be well lit and guarded. Garcia said the problem was that they did not pick up the items when the bin was full. If another site is found, it was

agreed that a meeting with the Solid Waste Authority should be held to set up guidelines.

The Memo of Understanding between the City of Mannington and the City of Fairmont as it pertains to the chlorination building was read in its entirety by Fluharty. Randy Watson said Thrasher Engineering believes the building can be done for \$105,000 and it will be split-faced block. Garcia said he would like to get Kenny Baker's okay of the plans before proceeding. Moore made the motion to table the Memo of Understanding until Baker okays the plans. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Watson said he would have a rendering drawn up and take to Baker to review.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.