

## COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 18, 2009

The second regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, May 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present 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.

There were no comments from the visitors.

In his report, Mayor White said Don Sides was awarded the bid to remove the trees on Church, Locust, and Walnut Streets when he clarified his bid. His quote was \$600 for the three trees. White also reported that the hearing on Fairmont's rate increase has been rescheduled for August 24.

In department reports, White read the written Street/Water Department report. In the report, it was noted that the Flaggy Meadow master meter was replaced. Chief plant operator Ted Nice said the city should check with Thrasher Engineering because he believes there is money in the water project to pay for three new master meters. The report also noted that a landlord on Washington Street has asked the city to remove a tree by his property. White said that individual is delinquent on his municipal service charge and he believes any decision on the tree removal should be postponed until his account is current. He said the city clerk's office will be preparing a report on delinquent msc accounts at the end of the fiscal year.

Chief of Police David James reported on a recent meeting of the Upper Buffalo Watershed Association. He said the new flood plain at Farmington helped alleviate flooding in Mannington this month and plans are to put in similar ones in Rachel and at Rock Camp. James said there are still problems in Brookside and they will be addressing the vegetation there and possibly channeling the creek through that section of town.

In new business, the sole bid for the city's liability insurance was opened. The bid from Commercial Insurance Services was for \$48,318.30. Fluharty said council must decide if they want to accept terrorism coverage and/or lower the uninsured motorists cap if they accept CIS's bid. White recommended the bid be accepted. Garcia made the motion to accept the bid from Commercial Insurance Services. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. White said that based on his experience, he would recommend that the uninsured motorist's coverage remain as is. Garcia then made the motion to keep the uninsured motorists coverage limit at \$1,000,000. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried. Watson made the motion to exclude the terrorism coverage from the city's policy. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

The Water Fund and Mead Fund budgets were discussed in the work session held prior to this meeting. White recommended that council approve the following allocations from the FY 2008-09 Mead Fund budget: \$1,000 to West Augusta Historical Society, \$750 to the Mannington Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, \$5000 to the Mannington Park Board and \$5000 to the Mannington Community Building Foundation. Rosencrance made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and approve the allocations. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. White said doing the meter reading and plant mowing in house in order to save \$8000 from next year's Water Fund budget was discussed in the work session. White recommended that those cost saving measures be implemented and the discussion about the rate increase for the Water Fund be put on the next agenda. Garcia made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation to do the meter reading and mowing in-house and to put the Water Fund budget on the next meeting's agenda. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Rosencrance made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.