

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 20, 2010

The second regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. 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 meeting and they stood approved as read.

Bill Bickerstaff representing the White Hall Kiwanis club explained the Defibrillator Program for the Marion County schools and asked if the city cared to participate. He said the devices cost \$1,700 a piece and the school nurses would be in charge of training. Councilman Starsick asked if the area coal companies were approached. Bickerstaff said they were but they have had no response yet. He said the middle schools have the most need but they would like to put them in all three schools in the Mannington area. Mayor Garcia said the city would try to raise money or solicit funds for this project.

Mac Spengler said that the reading date on his water bill was incorrect and complained about the receipt being stapled to his card instead of being stamped. He said that he wanted his bill marked paid.

Judith Neff complained about Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton putting notices in her mail box and for the language that he used when they talked on the telephone. She said they have cleaned up their property but in the future, she wants her notice delivered by certified mail. Neff also said she thought all complaints from neighbors, etc should be in writing.

Gary Leeson asked if anything had been done about the cat problem in Homewood. Garcia said the Parkersburg shelter has been contacted and they will neuter the cats but will not take them. Dee Dye asked why the nuisance law is not being used to address the problem. Garcia said he would send the code enforcement officer to look over the problem. Leeson's wife said that her husband is not trying to get Liller fired and added that the cats are a health issue too. Garcia said the city is trying to get the problem corrected.

Roddy George said tow stickers were put on his son's trucks and he feels that was a retaliatory move on Officer Liller's part. He added that two 4-wheelers were stolen from his property and Liller would not stop when his son tried to flag her down in the cruiser to report the theft. Garcia said he would talk to Chief of Police David James and Officer Liller.

Becka Efaw said the pit bulls behind her house on Meadow Avenue are being turned loose and she is afraid for her child's safety. Officer Andy Kolb said he would talk to the dogs' owner.

Robin Smith said she appreciated the police officers sitting at the Homewood Fire Station because it is helping slow down the traffic.

Garcia read the Street/Water Department report.

There was no old business.

In new business, the first item was the FY 2010-11 Mead Fund and Water Fund budgets. Starsick made the motion to table any action on the Water Fund budget until council has time to review it. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried. The Mead Fund budget was discussed next. Starsick asked if Mannington is the only community who pays for the Rescue Squad. No one knew. Taylor made the motion to table the Mead Fund budget also. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Gary Leeson said he thought the coal companies should help pay for the MCRS.

The levy rates for the FY 2010-11 General Fund budget were presented for approval. Moore made the motion to approve the rates. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Garcia reported on the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant workshop that he, Fluharty and James attended yesterday. The surplus money that is funding the grant is to be used to make city halls and other buildings more energy efficient.

Garcia asked for authorization to purchase equipment for the Street Department at an auction to be held at WVU on Saturday. Smith made the

motion to set the cap at \$5,000 for any purchases at the auction. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The recent complaint by Downs Public Service District to the WV Public Service Commission about their master meter was discussed. Assistant Superintendent Ted Nice explained about the delay in getting the test results for the meter and added that a chamber has been ordered for the meter to see if it is registering properly.

Taylor asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Taylor made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:12 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.