

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 4, 2011

The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, April 4, 2011 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 meeting and they stood approved as read.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Becka Efaw said there are big pot holes on Harvest Drive. Robin Smith asked if the alley behind their store on Meadow Avenue was ever closed or abandoned. Superintendent Rexrode is to check his maps.

Susan White, who along with her husband is troubleshooting the downtown light poles, said they would like to hard wire the ground fault connections under the posts. She said it would be done in less than a week. Smith made the motion to approve the additional work by Roger & Susan White. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Dave Smith, representing Mannington PSD, said Consol will need a right of way across the base of the City's reservoir in order to put in the reverse osmosis system at Dent's Run. Mayor Garcia suggested that someone from Consol attend a meeting to discuss this proposal and address the City's concerns. Smith said he would relay that to Consol.

In department reports, the mayor read the Street & Water Department report. Chief of Police David James gave his March report in which he said eleven citations were issued and they received 131 calls for assistance for the month. Fluharty reported that filing has ended for the city election and presented a list of the candidates. She also said the state has approved the city's budget but by law, council must meet on the third Tuesday of April to approve the levy rates. It was agreed to meet on April 19 at 6:00 p.m.

The only item of Old Business was the second and final reading of Ordinance #399 which amends the sign regulations. Taylor made the motion to read the heading only. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia read the heading. Moore made the motion to adopt Ordinance #399. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

A resolution proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month was presented for council's approval. Moore made the motion to approve the proclamation as presented. Taylor seconded the motion and all approved. The proclamation is attached to these minutes.

Assistant Superintendent Ted Nice presented a proposal to sell the city's old meter heads at the price of \$2.00 each plus he will get info on the sale of meter casings, old meters, etc. He said enough money should be raised to purchase a mower attachment for the Polaris 4-wheeler that was recently purchased. Moore made the motion to approve the sale of these items. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

A spring clean-up day was discussed. Moore made the motion to okay the rental of two dumpsters for a clean-up day on April 30. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Pay Requisition #1 for \$36,407 for the Energy Grant was approved in a motion by Moore. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The invoices were from Capital Doors and Central Heating & Air Conditioning.

Invoices from D&G Machine for \$8,575.22 and Precision Pump for \$3,515.00 to be paid from the Governor's Participation Grant awarded to the Mannington Sanitary Board (through the City) were reviewed. Moore made the motion to approve the payment of these invoices from the GPG. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia recommended that Jim Stewart be appointed to the Landmark Commission to replace Karen Murphy who has moved to California. Taylor made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and appoint Stewart to the Landmark Commission. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Taylor made the motion to go into executive session. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:28 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

Mayor Garcia recommended that Ted Nice be appointed to the Street & Water Superintendent's job upon Rexrode's retirement. Taylor made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and appoint Nice. Starsick seconded the motion. Taylor and Starsick voted yes. Michael, Moore and Smith voted no.

Moore made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.