

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 1, 2011

The first regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, August 1, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Rana Taylor and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting. Dunigan made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Amy Sine of the WV Conservation Agency presented information on a Hands-On Ag Day for the 7th graders in Marion County. The program introduces kids to various jobs that are agriculture-related. She said \$4,000 is needed for the buses and asked for a donation from the City. She has raised \$800 so far. Dunigan said that the City does not have a lot of money so she would be willing to work with the Elks & Moose Clubs in town to see if they would contribute to this project. Mayor Garcia thanked Sine for her presentation and said the city would consider her request.

Rodger Hicks complained about the jake brakes being used on Buffalo Road and the loud motorcycles running through town. Starsick said the police may need to patrol that area early in the morning.

John Castle passed out sample issues of the Mannington Magnet, a local publication that will carry city news, ads, notices, recipes, etc. The first publication is slated to be out August 10.

Street & Water Superintendent Ted Nice said a sign is needed at Dent's Run because there is a lot of unauthorized dumping. He was given the okay to get a sign. Nice said he was contacted by Randy Watson today concerning the demolition of the end of the plant. He said it was originally going to be used for storage but they have plenty of room in the other buildings at the site. The contractor on site now has said he will do it for between \$5,000 and \$7,000. If it is done after the current project is finished, the cost would be \$30,000. Smith made the motion to okay the change order to allow the demolition at a cost not to exceed \$7,000. Starsick seconded the motion

and all approved. This will be paid with the City's Small Cities Block Grant monies. The mayor suggested that the air compressor inside the plant be brought into the garage.

Fluharty reported that her office issued 217 business licenses in the month of July. She also said the extra \$500 approved by Council for the bullet-proof vests was not needed since the vests were purchased at the original price quoted to Chief James.

In New Business, the probation periods of Mike Nicholson and Tyler Hall have expired. Both are currently in the police academy. Mayor Garcia recommended that they be hired as regular employees. Starsick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and hire Hall and Nicholson as regular, part time employees. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

Jack Wilson's term on the Park Board has expired and Jami Trowbridge has been suggested to fill that slot. Taylor made the motion to appoint Trowbridge to a six year term on the Park Board. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was an agreement between Mannington PSD and the City to provide chlorine for their customers. Ted explained that the City would purchase the chlorine and add it to the system, as needed, but the PSD will pay for the chlorine. Nice said it will be done on the honor system but the City does daily reports and they will be provided to the Health Department and MPSD. Nice said the additional chlorine will boost the city's levels also. Taylor made the motion to okay such an agreement provided Mannington PSD's attorney draws it up for council to read and approve before it is signed. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Starsick asked again about the swinging bridge and said he would contact Donnie White to see when they can begin on the repairs.

Dunigan said the mayor should contact the Board of Education to remind them about the number of buses allowed on the Clarksburg Street Bridge since school will be starting soon.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

