

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 7, 2011

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

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, Planning Commission President Ken Witt presented Eric Efaw's Request for an alley abandonment in the New Burt Addition. He said the commission held a public hearing and heard no objections so the request was unanimously recommended to city council. Taylor made the motion to authorize an ordinance be drawn up to abandon a portion of Avenue D in New Burt Addition. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

Bill Barr, Linda Cobb and Bo Metz were present concerning an alley off Beaty Avenue. They asked if it has been abandoned by the city since Harry Moore has painted arrows on it and prohibited any of them from using it. Mayor Garcia said that problem will be corrected tomorrow when the city is to put up a guardrail closing it off and the paint will be removed. Barr asked that parking on one side of Beaty Avenue be considered also. Garcia told him to go door to door to see how everyone on the street feels about that idea and then report back to council.

Mayor Garcia read the Street/Water Department Report in the absence of Superintendent Ted Nice. Garcia said he and Nice both recommend that Dennis Hayes be hired as the Assistant Superintendent on a permanent basis since he has successfully completed his probation period. Smith made the motion to appoint Hayes. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty updated Council on Downs' request to the PSC to directly hook onto Fairmont's water line and no longer be a customer of Mannington. She said the City's accountant is also Downs' so there was a conflict and he chose to represent Downs. Since the city must find a new accountant, a hearing

continuance has been requested. Council asked that she let them know when the hearing is rescheduled.

Ordinance #400 which stipulates when garbage receptacles can be placed out for pick-up was presented for a first reading. Mayor Garcia read the ordinance in its entirety. Council asked that the wording be changed to include bags also. Dunigan made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #400 as amended. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia reminded everyone of the Veterans' Day dinner at the North Marion Senior Center on Friday, November 18, 2011.

Smith made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

In New Business, Garcia said he would like to see an ordinance passed regulating when garbage can be placed curbside for pickup. He said it is being set out several days ahead of time and it is getting strewn all over town. Dunigan made the motion to authorize the attorney to draw up an ordinance regulating garbage pick-up. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia reported that according to State Legislator Linda Longstreth, the city is going to receive \$50,000 for a new backhoe and \$5,000 to help with the swinging bridge repairs. Regarding the swinging bridge, Dunigan suggested the old wood from the bridge be saved to sell. Putting the bridge on the historic register was also mentioned.

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