

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2014

The August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, August 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens 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, Teresa Price asked about the street light for Railroad Street that was requested during the previous administration. Mayor Taylor said street lights are a low priority by Allegheny Power but he will check into it.

Judy Efaw, the City's representative on the West Augusta Historical Society Board, gave a report on their current activities and plans. She said they are working to preserve the Round Barn and the old Wilson school while trying to increase their membership. Beverly Jones, present of the Society, said they received \$10,500 from the Bowers Grant and it will be used to purchase computers, printers, etc. She said that through her contacts at FSU and Pierpoint College, a graphics student is building them a website and developing a Facebook page. A recent independent financial study indicated that they need more funding and an increase in marketing. Jones said they will try to keep the City more informed about their activities.

Fire Chief Jim Moran said they have enough funding to begin work on the new building on Clayton Street. He said they want to block in the front building and put a new roof on it but need to tear down the old one so there is enough room for them to work and park. Moran said they plan to hold several fundraisers to pay for the interior work. Kolb made the motion to grant the Fire Department permission to raze the back building. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Moran said they need to flush the fire hydrants and color-code them but want to know who is paying for the water before they begin. Taylor said the City will pay for the water but he advised Moran to get with Superintendent

Ted Nice to work out the schedule and get it to Fluharty so it can be put in the newspaper.

In Department Reports, Nice said they should put in the new water line to Whetstone in October. He asked for permission to purchase two Stihl chain saws from Mountaineer Power Equipment. They were the low bidder. Smith made the motion to authorize the purchase of the two Stihl saws from Mountaineer Power Equipment. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Moran asked about the contingency money in his department's budget. He said they would like to use it for the new building. Fluharty is to prepare a report for the next council meeting.

In New Business, Taylor asked council to reappoint Bill Hunter to the Sanitary Board. He said Hunter is a real asset to the Board. Starsick made the motion to reappoint Hunter to a 6-year term on the Sanitary Board. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said Fluharty went to Fairmont last week and picked up the \$26,000 from the Bowers Grant that is to be used to pave Trader's Alley and the City parking lot. An additional \$10,000 is needed to finish the project. Kolb made the motion to allocate an additional \$10,000 from the Mead Fund for the project. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Kolb made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Smith said there needs to be some changes to the parking on Monroe and Washington Streets. He said the fire trucks and other large vehicles cannot get around the corners because there are vehicles parked too close to the corners. Moran said that issue will be addressed when the hydrants are flushed.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.