

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2013

The second regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance 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.

Several visitors were present including Butch McNeill who asked that something be done about 603 Northview Addition. He said it has been condemned three times but nothing is ever done with it. Mayor Taylor said he and the code enforcement official will look it over this week. McNeill also requested a Dead End sign for the road to Northview and said someone removed a pillar from the Prichard Hollow side of the rail trail.

Nedra Kelch thanked the City for fixing the road by her house.

Marjorie Talkington and Patty Anderson said the All Class Reunion will be held on July 11 & 12, 2014 and they would like to reserve the park for that weekend. They were advised to check with Park Board member Sally Kolb to make sure it is on their calendar for next year. Talkington said they would like the downtown poles to be decorated for the Alumni Weekend and they plan to ask the businesses to decorate their windows. They also wanted to reserve the sign posts at both ends of town for that weekend. Becky Williams advised them that they can get a list of Mannington businesses on Mannington Main Street's website.

In department reports, Chief of Police Dave James detailed their activities for the month of July and said they received 190 calls for assistance. Superintendent Ted Nice reported that Downs PSD's meter was tested, the City's backflow device at city hall was tested and the downtown lights on Market Street have all been fixed except for the one by Hero's Café. Don Jones will look at that one to see if he can repair it.

The first item of business was the public hearing on Ordinance #411 which establishes an eighty cent transportation fee for Downs PSD. Kolb made the motion to read the heading only. Smith seconded the motion and all approved. Mayor Taylor read the heading. There was no public comment. Smith made the motion to adopt Ordinance #411. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, Mayor Taylor said Marion County Commissioner Randy Elliott has asked the Council to pass a resolution of support for the Palatine Park Development. Taylor said it will simply be a vote to either support the project or not, there will be no funding from Mannington. Starsick made

the motion to pass the resolution and support the Palatine Park development. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The Governor's Community Participation Grant for \$27,150 to help with the Hough Park pool repairs was the next item on the agenda. Kolb made the motion to accept the conditions of the grant and to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary paperwork. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

Chief James said after reviewing all the applicants for the full time patrolman position, he and Mayor Taylor recommend Isaiah Harmon who was the only certified applicant. Stevens made the motion to accept their recommendation and hire Harmon subject to 6-month probation. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The City is scheduled for an audit this year and according to the State Auditor's Office, an audit committee must be appointed, for a 2-year term, to send out proposals to auditing firms, review those proposals and make a recommendation to Council. Taylor recommended that Fluharty, Williams and Freda Moore be appointed to the committee. Smith made the motion to approve the mayor's appointees. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Smith said the Dominion Hope bills for the Fire Department seemed unusually high. Fluharty said she would check on them before they are paid. Smith made the motion to pay the bills as presented with the understanding that the Dominion Hope bills will be reviewed prior to paying. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

Stevens made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.