

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2012

The second regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Council at Large Rana Taylor presiding, in the absence of Mayor Bob Garcia, was held Monday, August 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick 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, John and Linda Latocha asked about the code as it pertains to mowing your grass. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said the code says your grass cannot exceed 10 inches in height and your property must be kept in a clean, sanitary condition. They said their neighbor Brian Osbourne has been cited several times but still refuses to mow every month. Latocha said, if necessary, she will get an attorney to pursue the matter since he is devaluing their property by his inaction. Horton said he would contact Osbourne again and take care of the matter. He said a warrant can be issued if he does not comply with a violation notice.

In department reports, Street/Water Superintendent Ted Nice gave his work detail for the last two weeks. Fluharty reported that the Marion County Commission granted the City a \$50,000 no interest revolving loan and a \$50,000 loan at 1% from the Marion County Development Authority for the Clarksburg Street Bridge Project. She and the mayor will be meeting with a representative from the USDA this week about the loan for the balance of the City's share on the project.

In Old Business, Taylor said two of the recent Building Commission appointees were ineligible to serve since they were public employees. Jack Rinehart and Jeff Stacy have been recommended for appointment. Starsick made the motion to appoint Rinehart and Stacy. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, the project to replace the sidewalk along Buffalo Road next to the fairgrounds was discussed. Fluharty said the project was approved several years ago but there have been stumbling blocks and it has reached a standstill. Nice said when the engineers from Thrasher Engineering looked at the site, it was determined that it is an unsafe area for pedestrians. An alternate idea was to allow foot traffic through the fairgrounds since the gate is left open all year except during fair week. The City has already sent their share of the project (\$15,000) to the State so if council does not want to proceed, that money could be used for other projects in town. Starsick said he thought it was still a worthwhile project. Dunigan asked if any decision could be delayed until more info is received as to whether the original grant could be used for other sidewalks in town, etc. The matter was tabled for now.

Nice updated council on the sale of water from the City's reservoir. He said if they proceed with the idea, a meter must be purchased for \$710 and a cage must be placed around the meter area plus an access road would be necessary. He is still waiting on more info from Randy Watson. Starsick asked about a timeframe for selling the water. Nice said he has heard that the drilling companies will need the water anywhere from two to eight years.

Fluharty said the Sanitary Board has approached First Exchange Bank about a loan for a new UV system for the sewer plant but according to State Code, it must be approved by council before the loan closing can take place. Dunigan made the motion to approve the loan for the Mannington Sanitary Board. Williams seconded the motion and all approved.

Taylor said six candidates for the clerk/typist position in the clerk's office were interviewed and Heather Fluharty has been recommended for the part time position. Dunigan made the motion to hire Fluharty for the clerk/typist position subject to a 90-day probation. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Rudy Cutrone has been recommended as a replacement on the Planning Commission. Smith made the motion to appoint Cutrone to fill Jim Taylor's unexpired term on the Commission. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Sally Gorbey is no longer able to attend the Landmark Commission meetings and a letter of interest from Tim Toothman for the position was reviewed by council. Starsick made the motion to appoint Toothman to Gorbey's unexpired term. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

In his monthly report, Horton said he issued 18 notices of violation, 10 building permits and one demolition notice.

Starsick asked if there had been any word from Don White about the swinging bridge repairs and Nice said no.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.