

## COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 1, 2008

The first regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Harold Rosencrance, Terry Starsick, and Del Watson.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

No comments were received from the visitors.

In his report, Mayor White read a letter from the three area delegates concerning grants for rail trail or transportation enhancement projects. He said there might be a way to apply them to some of the old buildings in town that need demolished. White also received a letter outlining funding for hazard mitigation that he said could be used to raze buildings in the flood zones. He asked Fluharty to give the letters to the Main Street Director so that he could get more information on the grants.

White also said that Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering met with officials and engineers on the Fairmont water line project in October about the master meter building. According to Watson, it is to be built by the City of Fairmont, using their portion of the grant monies, on the CSX right of way or on Kennis Baker's property. However, the building will be owned by the City of Mannington.

White also asked Fluharty to submit grant applications to Marion County Parks & Recreation for the ball field and basketball court enhancements at Huey Park for \$1,500 and for improvements to the basketball courts at Bowers Park for \$1,000.

Superintendent Charles Rexrode said they put up a fluorescent light at the Historical Society museum today.

Since the attorney does not have the privacy fence ordinance ready yet, it will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

In his department report, Fire Chief Jim Moran said they received 19 calls for assistance in November and put in 16 hours and 52 minutes. He also reported that they received a Global Fire Prevention Grant for \$2,450. Those monies will purchase a laptop, 250 smoke detectors and fire prevention brochures. Mayor White asked about the new trucks and Moran said they should arrive in January.

White read the Street/Water Department report. He said the Town of Farmington has requested the use of the bucket truck with a driver to help put up their Christmas lights. It should take less than an hour. White asked if any of the council members had a problem with it and no one did.

Fluharty reported that Chief of Police David James attended the property sale at the courthouse last week and purchased four properties for \$100 each. They were two Water Street properties owned by Harold Anderson, the Longstreth building on Pyles Avenue and a Freeland Miller property also on Pyles Avenue. White said the city should pursue Brownfield grants for these properties.

In new business, Fluharty said the trailhead project bids were over budget with the low bid by Veritas Contracting over by \$40,000. She said the committee, the architect and a rep from Veritas met last week to discuss ways to reduce the bid. She said lighting was one area but the contractor suggested that the city crew could put in the water and sewer lines, which would also help. Garcia asked if the Vo-Tech students could be used to build the restroom. Fluharty said the project has a deadline and scheduling the Vo-Tech students could be a problem but she will check with the WVDOT.

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