

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 6, 2010

The second regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, December 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick and Rana Taylor.

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, Larry Efaw said there are dogs running loose on Windy Hill Drive.

In department reports, the mayor read the Street & Water Department report. In her report, Fluharty asked if council preferred to receive their agenda via email since there have been problems with the mail delivery. She said hard copies would then be put in their folders for meeting night. It will be tried on a trial basis beginning with the next meeting.

In Old Business, the first item of business was the reading of Ordinance #397. Mayor Garcia read the heading and Fluharty read the sections that are being revised. Taylor made the motion to accept the first reading. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. A public hearing will be held at the January 3 meeting.

The city attorney's opinion on staggering the council terms was read. His opinion was that the terms must be increased to four years in order to eliminate annual elections. Michael made the motion to table the matter and leave the terms at two years. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

The only item under New Business was the purchase of sidewalk/street cleaning equipment with the Governor's Participation Grant monies. A 2-wheel drive side by side from Tractor Supply was discussed. Council asked that 4-wheel drive vehicles be priced for the next meeting. Smith made the motion to table the decision until more information is received. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Smith asked why Wesley Wheeler is still working for the city since he has gone to the Marion County Sheriff's Department. He said that Wheeler is cutting into the other part time people's hours. Discussion followed as to whether Wheeler must pay back his academy expenses. It will be placed on the next meeting's agenda.

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