

## COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2010

The 2<sup>nd</sup> regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, February 22, 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.

Fire Chief Jim Moran gave his department's January report and noted they had received 13 calls. He also reported on a meeting with the County Commission in which he spoke to them about several issues the Fire Department is having with the 911 Center. They included communications, the 911 director and the OES director and assignment cards. He said the County Commission is checking with their attorney about some of the issues but in the meantime they have asked for a letter from the City of Mannington stating that the Mannington Fire Department is a department of the city and is controlled by the mayor and council. Moran added that there are problems with the tower in Whetstone and with the low-band radios. The recent snow emergency was discussed. Moran said they opened a shelter in the Homewood Station but when the Red Cross inspected it, they did not like it so it was moved to the North Marion Senior Center. Moran said the City's emergency plan needs updated. Taylor said updating the plan should be a first priority so there is no confusion when another emergency occurs. Moran also addressed his concern about coverage by the Marion County Rescue Squad in Mannington. He said that, in all probability, if he called them now, no one would be in the station. Starsick said Lloyd White came to a recent council meeting and addressed those questions. White told council that it was too expensive to fully staff the Mannington station. Moran said he would need to see their books before he would believe that. Other options discussed were JanCare and the Worthington Fire Department. It was agreed to ask White to attend the next meeting.

Chief of Police David James gave his department's January report in which he noted they received 139 calls for assistance.

Mayor Garcia read the Street/Water Department report. Starsick asked about the tank overrun that was noted in the report. Superintendent Charlie Rexrode said the overrun was a result of the power outage in the recent snow storm. Assistant Street/Water Superintendent Ted Nice said according to the charts, it ran eight hours and Fairmont was notified to adjust the city's bill.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was the proposals for high-visibility uniforms for the Street/Water Department employees. Representatives from UniFirst and Coyne Textile gave background information about their companies and showed samples of

their uniforms. Michael suggested that the workers look over the uniforms before any decision is made. The mayor recommended that any decision be tabled until the next meeting so council has time to review the proposals. Moore made the motion to table the decision until the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

A John Deere mower that is being sold by the Mannington Home Center as a third party dealer was discussed. Rexrode said he looked it over and it should meet their needs. Smith made the motion to purchase the mower for \$1,000. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Moore abstained.

The Fire Department's request to purchase a door and opener for Central Station at a cost of \$3,344 was the next item of business. Moore made the motion to authorize the use of Fire Fund monies to purchase the door and opener from Capital Doors for \$3,344. Michael seconded the motion and it carried. Smith abstained.

Nice said the cost to send a city employee to the Cross-Connection Class is \$455 plus the cost of equipment would be around \$1,500. He said it is not a necessity and would just be a courtesy to the approximately 20 customers who are required to have a backflow prevention device. Nice said the city could charge a fee in order to recoup some of their costs if they decide to send someone. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Water Department does not have the funds to proceed at this time and the issue may be discussed later when the Water Fund gets back on its feet.

Nice also reported that the master meter for Downs Public Service District needs to either be replaced or repaired. The PSC allows the city to estimate the bill for only two months so action needs to be taken soon. The PSC has recommended that it be replaced. According to Nice, Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering is checking with Sheena Hunt at Region Six to see if there is money remaining in the Fairmont/Mannington Water Project to purchase master meters for Downs and Mannington Public Service Districts. Moore made the motion to authorize the purchase of the two meters with the grant monies if it is available. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Garcia recommended that Sally Gorbey and Amy Metz be reappointed to 3-year terms on the Landmark Commission. Taylor made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and reappoint Gorbey and Metz. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

A second Memo of Understanding between the City of Mannington and the City of Fairmont was the final item on the agenda. The MOU provides for the payment of the water usage billed to the City of Mannington including any arrearage. Garcia said the terms were extended from 12 months to 15 months at Mannington's request. Moore made the motion to

approve the Memo of Understanding with the amended terms. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The mayor reminded everyone that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 at 6:00 p.m.

Moore said traffic needs slowed down on Main Street by the Food Pantry and Wonderland Daycare. James said the city could purchase speed signs that show motorists how fast they are driving at a cost of approximately \$3,500.

Moore made the motion to adjourn. Michael seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.