

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2011

The second regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Others 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.

Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering gave an update on the water project. He told Council that there is \$58,504.88 remaining in the grant and he is getting bids on the demolition of the plant and conversion of a portion of the plant to a garage. He said he has included several deductive alternates in the bid so that if it comes in high, some or all of the alternates can be removed. Watson said the quote for the tele-metering unit at the garage is \$14,247 but since someone must go to the tank site everyday anyway, he thought the money could be better used elsewhere. He recommended that the plant demo be bid out first. Watson also said that his cost estimate for a new 6" line to Peanut along with two hydrants on that system would be \$155,000. However, he said the 6" line to Huey Run is not being used and it could be pressure tested and re-used to cut costs by approximately half. If the city could install the line, that would cut the cost even more. Watson said he would re-do the quote using the old Huey Run pipe and present it to council.

The next item on the agenda was the budget requests from outside agencies. Becky Williams of Mannington Main Street and Olive Marie Utt, representing both the Historical Society and the Mannington Cemetery, presented their requests. Written requests from Mannington Public Library, Mannington Park Board, Community Building Foundation, The Connecting Link and the Mannington Relay for Life were received also.

In department reports, Mayor Garcia read the Street & Water Department report. Chief of Police David James gave his January report in which he noted they received 97 calls for assistance. Jimmy Troy gave the Fire Department's report for January. He said they had eleven calls including two structure fires. He asked if they could have the old hydrant at the water plant to use for training. Council gave their okay. Troy asked if Fairmont adjusts the city's water bill when the hydrants are flushed. Ted Nice will check with Fairmont. Starsick said that needs to be worked out before flushing is started. It was agreed that the street cleaning should be scheduled to coincide with the flushing.

Fluharty said the audit report has been received and there were no major findings. She also noted that filing for the June 7 election begins March 8 and runs through March 22.

The first item of business was the public hearing on Ordinance #398 which amends the building permit fees. The mayor read the ordinance in its entirety. No public comment was received. Moore made the motion to adopt Ordinance #398. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

In Old Business, the only item was the Energy Grant bids for the exterior doors. Moore made the motion to reject the bid by Lee Reger Builds and to instead purchase the doors from Mannington Home Center at a cost of \$8,029 with the city employees to install them. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, the proposal from Electrical Solutions for \$2,400 to repair the downtown lights was discussed. Council agreed that a more detailed quote was needed since he did not pinpoint the problem with the lights. Smith made the motion to table the proposal until a better estimate is given. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #3 was presented for council's approval. Taylor made the motion to accept the revisions to the General Fund budget as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia recommended that Cara Starsick be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Landmark Commission created when Amy Metz resigned. Taylor made the motion to appoint Kara Starsick to the Commission. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor asked when the Street & Water Superintendent's position would be advertised and Fluharty said it would be posted in-house beginning tomorrow.

Starsick asked for an update on the swinging bridge. Mayor Garcia said Donnie White has volunteered to repair the bridge. Starsick said he could get the cable.

Harry Moore said trees by 209 Pleasant Street need trimmed back because they are blocking the sidewalk.

Moore made the motion to adjourn. Michael seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

