

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 18, 2011

The second regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick and Rana Taylor.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Mark Dunigan asked why he had to get a permit to put up a fence while there are many dilapidated houses in town that need torn down. He also said the people putting in the gas station at Rainbow Plaza do not have a permit posted. Mayor Garcia said that they did get a permit. Dunigan brought up the subject of a sidewalk in front of his house and asked why he was denied one when new sidewalks were put in front of all the other properties along Route 250. He then suggested that his house was not in the city limits. Dunigan asked Mayor Garcia to check into these issues for him.

Planning Commission Chairman Ken Witt did a slide presentation on the results of the Commission's survey and passed out printed copies for council to review. He said that if necessary, he would come back to discuss the results further after council had time to look over the handouts. Witt explained that the results have been presented to the Commission, to council and now will be released to the public. Starsick asked if they will be given to other entities and Witt said they would be sent to the Board of Education, the County Commission, etc.

In department reports, Garcia read the Street & Water Department report. Fluharty said budget meetings should be held next month. It was agreed to hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. prior to the February 7 meeting.

In new business, the mayor recommended that Jim Taylor be reappointed to a new 3-year term and Sally Kolb be appointed to fill Martha Kendall's unexpired term on the Planning Commission. Moore made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and appoint Taylor and Kolb. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said the laser printer that is used by everyone in her office plus prints the water bills needs replaced. She has quotes that range from \$810 to \$1050. Moore made the motion to approve the purchase of a new laser printer. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

The revised police department training agreement was reviewed by council. The new agreement was approved by the city attorney and includes provisions to close some of the loopholes in the current agreement. Moore made the motion to adopt the new agreement. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia recommended that the building permit fees be increased to \$10 per thousand for any construction over \$100,000. Starsick asked about the rates in other towns in the area. Fluharty said Fairmont's is \$10 but she does not know about the other towns. Michael said he doesn't want to do anything to discourage business. Garcia said he doesn't think that will happen. Smith made the motion to authorize an ordinance to be drawn up increasing the building permit fees. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item on the agenda was discussion about an excess levy election to fund bridge repairs in town. Fluharty said that in order to raise the \$200,000+ for a new Clarksburg Street bridge, an excess levy election could be an option. Council must determine the amount needed and then an ordinance would be drawn up. If passed, the levy would be on the June ballot. If approved, it would result in an increase to everyone's property taxes. Council asked for more information about the amount of the increase. Moore made the motion to table the matter until more information is received. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

The next item of business was the downtown lamp posts. Councilman Starsick said an electrician is needed to do a survey and provide an estimate for repairs to the posts so that all the outlets and lights work. He suggested Roger and Susie White since they already have a city license. Smith made the motion to authorize the Whites to do the survey and present their estimate to council. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The city was recently notified that they had been awarded another Community Participation Grant for \$6,000 for the sewerage treatment plant. Moore made the motion accepting the conditions of the grant and authorizing the mayor to sign the necessary paperwork. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Smith said he would like to see a breakdown of the expenses to be covered by the grant. Fluharty said they are presented to council before they are submitted for payment.

Mayor Garcia read Street & Water Superintendent Charlie Rexrode's letter stating that he plans to retire as of May 31, 2011. Garcia thanked Rexrode for his years of service.

Smith asked if the mayor had heard anything about the caution light by Wonderland Day Care. Garcia said he hadn't gotten in touch with the guy at the DOH yet.

Moore made the motion to adjourn. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.