

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2013

The second regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Rana Taylor and Becky Williams.

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

In the Mayor's Report, Garcia said that since there has been a big response to the naming of the Clarksburg Street Bridge, he is turning it over to the Bridge Committee to review all the suggestions and make a recommendation to City Council. Councilman Starsick asked why it was being turned over to the Committee when it should be Council's decision. He also asked if the public had been notified through the newspaper. Garcia said it will be in the paper this week. Taylor said the council and the committee can meet jointly to discuss their recommendations. Garcia said the final decision will be council's.

In the visitors' section, Terry McLain suggested the City talk to someone at the DOH concerning the dip in the road by the Buffalo Street Bridge. Randy Elliott said he thought the decision for naming bridges was up to City Council. A letter from Mannington Main Street asking that the bridge name remain Twin Bridges was distributed to council. Albert Morris asked that the bridge be named for his dad, Amos Morris.

In Department Reports, Chief of Police David James gave his December report. He said they received 74 calls for assistance during the month.

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said he issued 13 building permits, 10 notices of violations and attended 8 hearings during December. Horton said he is working to clean up Bluff & Adams Street. He will also check on the foundation of Malone's store by the Buffalo Street Bridge.

Superintendent Ted Nice gave his department's job detail for the last two weeks and said the French drain by Carnes Auto is complete. Nice said he would also like to address the question by a councilmember about the use of the city

truck by Dennis Hayes. Nice said he and Mayor Garcia gave Hayes permission to use the truck since he is the only employee in the Street/Water Department who lives in the city limits and he is the first person called out on emergencies or when the roads are bad. He said Hayes did not charge overtime for those call-outs since he had the truck at his home. Nice said he feels that Hayes is owed an apology since it was insinuated that he was using the truck for his personal use and without permission. He said, as a result, Hayes refuses to take the truck home and the city is now being charged overtime for any call-outs. In the future, Nice said any such issues should be addressed to the department head and the employee. Starsick said Nice's crew is doing a good job keeping the streets clear this winter.

In Old Business, Garcia said the Wintergarden is currently being tested for asbestos before the City proceeds with any plans for demolition.

In New Business, Nice said he secured seven bids for a new tractor and he is recommending the quote from Parcs Equipment on a Kubota tractor for \$3,650 plus the trade-in of the City's Ford tractor that was not sold during the online auction. The money from the auction, which will be received during the first week of February, will be used to pay for the new tractor. Smith made the motion to approve the quote from Parcs Equipment. Dunigan seconded the motion and all approved.

The generator bids for the old city building were received: Gump Electrical Contracting \$8,055 and American Regional Electric \$8,883. Dunigan made the motion to accept Gump Electrical's bid. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The project is funded through the COPS grant. Councilman Smith suggested that Chief James check with Gump about an annual service contract.

Garcia recommended that Ken Witt be appointed to another 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Taylor made the motion to re-appoint Witt. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

