

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2011

The first regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, January 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending 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. Smith said he wanted it put on the next meeting's agenda about a pay raise for the equipment operator.

The visitors had no comment.

In department reports, the mayor read the Street & Water Department report. Chief of Police David James read his December report and noted that they had received 95 calls for assistance during the month. He then reviewed his entire department's activity for 2010 and said they received 1,712 calls during the year. Mayor Garcia asked if there was anything in the city code about letting your car run unattended. James said it is in the state code. Councilman Starsick said he thought that was a stupid law since many people leave their vehicles running in the winter to warm them up.

The first item of business was the public hearing on Ordinance #397 which amends the municipal service charge ordinance by providing for converted non-residential units to be exempt from the service charge upon confirmation by the code enforcement officer. Starsick made the motion to read the heading only. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The mayor read the heading and the city clerk read the amended sections of the ordinance. Moore made the motion to adopt Ordinance #397. Michael seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item on the agenda was the sidewalk/street cleaning equipment. Fluharty said that the prices of the 4wd vehicles were well above the \$3,850 grant monies. Starsick asked if there was any place else to look for funds. Fluharty said the Mead Fund income is down approximately \$9,000 for the first six months of this year's budget. Taylor said it could be considered for the 2011-12 budgets. Moore made the motion to table the decision until additional funding is found. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The only item under new business was Wesley Wheeler's reimbursement of his academy training expenses since he has taken a full time position with the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Chief James said he did not see a problem since Wheeler is still working part time for the city and he has not resigned. Starsick asked how much longer until Wheeler satisfies the 2-year requirement. Wheeler said it was approximately 14 months and he plans to work for the City as long as he is needed. James said the training agreement is being revised to tighten up the working requirement. Michael said maybe it should be based on hours instead of years. James said Wheeler is working approximately 8 hours a week now. The revised agreement will be on the agenda when the attorney has completed work on it.

Starsick asked about the status of the swinging bridge. Mayor Garcia said the supports have pulled loose and the city has closed it to pedestrian traffic. He said letters have been written to all of the congressmen in this district and to the County Commission for help with funding the repairs. Starsick said he will look it over and see what he can do to help.

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