

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 15, 2010

The second regular November meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. 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.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Becka Efaw asked what the plan is to reduce speeding on Meadow Avenue since the DOT made the city remove the rumble strips. The mayor is to call the DOT tomorrow.

In department reports, the Street & Water Department report was read by Mayor Garcia. Chief of Police David James gave his monthly report and said they had received 158 calls for assistance. Fluharty reported that the city attorney is still working on the ordinance revising the municipal service charge. The mayor reported that Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton has been contacted about plans for Shop 'n Save to put a gas station at the Rainbow Plaza and for First Exchange Bank to make changes to their parking lot.

In old business, a proposal from Councilman Moore to stagger the mayor and council terms was read. The proposal called for all the terms to gradually be increased to four years. Discussion then followed about whether the change was needed or if so, if the mayor's term should remain at two years. Chief James said he thought it should be placed on the ballot to let the voters decide. Councilman Michael said he would like to see the city attorney look into the procedure to stagger terms, write up a proposal for council to review and then council can decide if they want to put it on the ballot. Smith made the motion to accept Michael's suggestion and refer the matter to the city attorney. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The \$10,000 Community Participation Grant for the Mannington Sanitary was the first item in New Business. Starsick made the motion to accept the conditions of the grant and authorize the mayor to sign all the necessary paperwork. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The following high bids were received at the November 13 auction:

1985 Chevrolet Crew Cab	Calvin Wilson	\$ 2,000
2001 Chevrolet Silverado	Doug Arnold	1,900
2006 Dodge Charger	Jennifer Arnold	3,000
Lincoln welder/engine	Doug Arnold	300
Grundfos pump	Calvin Wilson	100

Moore made the motion to accept the above bids. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

It was reported that one more bid is needed on widening Poolside Drive before the city can proceed with the project. Garcia and Horton have both contacted local contractors trying to solicit another bid.

Slowing down traffic on Water Street and on Main Street by the Wonderland Daycare was discussed. Solutions included stop signs and caution lights. Chief James said it is a state route so the DOT must be contacted.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.