

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 4, 2013

The first regular November meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, November 4, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

Brad Starcher and Pat Jack from the State Treasurer's Office were present to ask permission to speak to the city employees about WV Retirement Plus which is a 457 deferred compensation plan. Kolb made the motion to grant permission to the State Treasurer's Office to talk to the city employees. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

Main Street Director Rana Taylor said one of the ways they are promoting Small Business Saturday is through a poll asking voters to choose their favorite small Mannington business. She asked Council to recognize the winner at a regular city meeting. Taylor said this year's Christmas parade is set for December 7 and she is requesting that the route stay the same as last year. Finally she said they are still accepting nominations for Mr & Ms Glad Tidings.

Planning Commission Chairman Ken Witt explained the overlay district amendment that has been proposed by the Commission. He said the intention is to include Buffalo Road in the overlay regulations to provide more locations for businesses along the main arteries in town. Kolb made the motion to authorize the attorney to draw up an overlay district amendment. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Witt also said Gary Bowers is currently editing the updated Comprehensive Plan and it should be ready for council to review in early 2014. Since Mike Beaty has asked to be replaced on the Commission, Witt said they are looking for a new member.

In department reports, Chief of Police David James gave his October report and noted that they received 247 calls for assistance during the month.

The first item of New Business was the first reading of Ordinance #413 which amends the fence regulations. Mayor Taylor read the heading. Stevens made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #413. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

In other new business, Chief James recommended that Dusty McCauley, who is currently a part time officer, be appointed as a full time patrolman to replace Isaiah Harmon who resigned last month. Starsick made the motion to hire McCauley as a full time officer. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. James said the City will need to advertise for another part time officer.

Taylor said the demolition of the Duncan building has begun and the completion date is November 14.

Smith made the motion to pay the outstanding bills as presented. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Starsick asked about the status of the sidewalk project. Taylor said he is waiting on Thrasher Engineering's design. Kolb asked for an update on the Clarksburg Bridge project. Taylor said Region Six is still working on the easements but the city attorney is out of the country for two weeks so that will delay the paperwork.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.