

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2011

The second regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Rana Taylor and Becky Williams.

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

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Robin Smith clarified the information about the fill being placed in the hollow next to Signs & More in Homewood. She said they were given permission by the City in 2001 to put fill there to eliminate the standing water in the hollow. The code enforcement officer said no construction material was permitted but yard materials or reclaimable materials such as mulch or trees were okay. She said Mt State Tree Service is dumping there but they are following the guidelines. She said the existing drain is not blocked. Smith said it has been there since 2001 and there has been no combustion. Becka Efaw said most of the materials are pine along with some cedar and both repel termites.

Councilwoman Dunigan said that she asked Sandra Thorne and her son to attend the meeting to address the ongoing dispute with Jim Byard over their driveway. She asked Thorne for a copy of the permit from the DOH for their driveway. Thorne said her husband, who is now deceased, worked for the DOH and he handled the permit. She then recounted the history of the dispute over gravel from her driveway and grass on her sidewalk. The question of whether Byard had a permit for his driveway was discussed and Dunigan said that was irrelevant to this issue but she would ask him. Dunigan said Thorne must produce the permit before the issue can be resolved.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave his report for the last two weeks. Fluharty distributed copies of the 2010-11 financial reports and said they would be in the newspaper on September 26.

In New Business, Trick or Treat was the only item on the agenda. Dunigan made the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

In Old Business, Mayor Garcia asked for a motion to purchase the old Dibus property on Clarksburg Street at the county's tax sale later this month. It died for lack of a motion.

Garcia asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Taylor made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:40 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:50 p.m. with nothing to report.

In council reports, Taylor asked that the code enforcement officer look at the property behind the Bistro. Dunigan reported that Main Street will be holding a city-wide yard sale on October 15. Smith said the police need to curb the speeding up Route 250 North.

Smith made the motion to adjourn. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.