

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2014

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, September 2, 2014 (due to the Monday holiday) 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.

Visitor Janina Fetty asked about the houses on her street that are uninhabitable. She said there are three of them that are so bad, she cannot get property insurance because of the fire hazard. Taylor said the problem is that some of those houses are now owned by the State of WV and they have no responsibility to bring them up to code. They will eventually be up for sale at the court houses for back taxes. Taylor said the City empathizes with Fetty but there is little it can do. He said the property owners will be notified once again. Fetty said one of her neighbors has a truck full of garbage sitting in front of his house, a shed full of garbage and his yard needs mowed. Taylor said that person was summoned to court this week but he was unable to attend because of his job. He is to remove the garbage this week.

Postmistress Stephanie Teets said the City may need to address the leash law since there are a lot of owners with electric fences who are allowing their dogs to run loose in their yards. She expressed her appreciation to the City for getting some of the properties in town cleaned up.

Chief of Police David James gave his July and August reports. He said they received 271 calls during those two months. Smith told James that he has seen several ATVs going to car washes in town. James said it is not feasible to chase them with the cruiser.

In Old Business, the Fire Department budget was reviewed. In Fluharty's report, the amount available in the budget for use on the Department's new building is \$31,653. Stevens made the motion to allocate those monies to the new building, as needed. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was the revision of the FY 2014-15 Mead Fund Budget. The revision allocates the unencumbered balance as of the beginning of the fiscal year toward the Trader Alley Project and a roof for the city hall annex. The balance was put into the Contingency Account. Smith made the motion to approve the revision as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Taylor said he is recommending Clifford Van Pelt for the part time patrolman position on a temporary basis. James said Van Pelt will fill in for Frank Wright while he is at the Academy. Wright should return on December 29. Kolb made the motion to hire Van Pelt effective immediately for the part time position. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

The Fall Clean-Up Day was discussed. Smith made the motion to set the Clean-Up Day for Saturday, October 11 and authorized the rental of two dumpsters for the day. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Kolb made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Kolb made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.