

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, September 3, 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.

Ken Witt, chairman of the Mannington Planning Commission, was present to explain the updated fence regulations that the Commission has prepared, at the request of the previous council. He said council can review them and he will be available to answer questions. Mayor Taylor asked Ken to return for the September 16 meeting to address any questions or concerns and Witt agreed.

Judy Hamilton said she has standing water in her yard and would like someone to look at it to see how it can be corrected. The mayor and Sewer Plant Operator Carl Williams will look at it this week.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said his guys spent most of their time during the last two weeks repairing the Jefferson Street drain. He thanked the Fire Department, the Sanitary Board, the Department of Highways and Duane Shutler for helping them. He said they finally found a board was wedged in the storm sewer blocking the flow of water.

Chief of Police David James gave his August report. He said they issued 19 citations and had 186 calls for assistance during the month.

In Old Business, Mayor Taylor gave an update on the easement that was approved for the Mon Soil Conservation District. He said sewer lines were found at the site of the easement and for all of the alternate sites so no grading could be done to facilitate their access. Taylor said the ball is now in Randy Elliott's court to find another solution.

Councilman Kolb asked about the property in Northview that was discussed at the last meeting. Taylor said the owner has been notified to correct the situation. He added that the Dead End sign for Northview has been received and will be put up shortly. Several Highland Street problem properties were discussed and they will be directed to the code enforcement officer.

In New Business, Donnie Wheeler's 6-month probation has ended and Chief James recommended he be put on as a regular, part time officer. Smith made the motion to hire Wheeler on a permanent, part time basis. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fluharty said Dominion Hope lost one of the Fire Fund checks last month so that is why the bill was so high. The bill covered two months. Starsick made the motion to pay the outstanding bills as presented. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Taylor explained the demolition options for the three city properties on Water Street, Buffalo Road and Pyles Avenue. He has contacted several firms to get estimates on each of the buildings along with any asbestos removal.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.