

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 2, 2012

The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick and Becky Williams.

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

Several County Commission candidates including Joseph Manchin IV, Budd Sapp and Ron Straight were present to give a brief talk and ask for support in the May primary.

Judy Hamilton asked if she could keep chickens in a kennel. Mayor Garcia said he didn't see a problem if her neighbors did not complain but he is to check with the code enforcement officer.

Sandra Thorne said she received a letter from the City regarding the gravel and grass on her sidewalk and said she is tired of the harassment. The mayor said she has been in court on several occasions regarding this same problem and he sent her a letter reminding her that she agreed to keep her sidewalks clear. Other than that, it is a civil matter between her and the Byards.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave his report on their activity during the last two weeks. Dunigan thanked him for his and his men's help at the park. She said they determined that there is a leak in the park and it must be found before the water can be turned on this year.

Fluharty distributed copies of a proposed Safety Policy for council to review before the next meeting. She said when the state came in and did a review; they said the City must adopt such a policy.

The first item of New Business was a Spring Clean-Up Day. Starsick made the motion to hold the clean-up day on Saturday, May 12. Dunigan seconded the

motion and it carried. Two dumpsters will be placed in front of the city garage on that day.

Mayor Garcia and Nice recommended that Everett Martin be hired as a seasonal employee in the Street/Water Department. Dunigan made the motion to accept their recommendation and hire Martin as a seasonal employee from April to September. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said council must meet, by law, on the third Tuesday of April to approve the levy rates so she asked if they wanted to change the regular meeting to that night so they would not need to meet twice that week. Smith made the motion to hold the next regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Smith made the motion to approve the application for a Litter Control Grant for funds to help pay for the clean-up day. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Dunigan reported that she and Anthony Horton recently attended a FEMA meeting in Fairmont to see if the park could get funds to help with clean-up from the recent flooding. She said if possible, they will apply for the money. She also said that the Marion County Commission granted the Park Board \$15,000 for a new filtration system and \$1,500 for playground equipment.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.