

## COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2010

The second regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, August 23, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick and Rana Taylor.

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

Glenn Mayhugh asked about the cat ordinance. The mayor told him that the city attorney was on vacation but the ordinance should be ready at the next meeting.

Fire Chief Jim Moran gave his department's July report. He then said that he had been hearing that the mayor and council were not happy with the Fire Department and asked what the problem was. The mayor said that no one is coming to the council meetings to give them a report as to what is happening with the Fire Department. Moran said they are a volunteer, unpaid department and he does not feel they should come to every meeting. Mayor Garcia said no one has showed up since he became mayor and he is asking that they show up at least once a month since they are receiving funding from the city. Discussion then moved to the Fire Department's ongoing problems with the 911 Center. Moran said there are still having problems with their radios and do not receive all of the calls. He said that a meeting with the County Commission did not produce any response. Mayor Garcia asked Moran to give him the information and he will attend the next Commission meeting. Chief of Police David James said he would go with him. Garcia told Moran that is an example of why someone from his department needs to attend at least one meeting a month. He and council were unaware of any problems with their communications.

Garcia read the Street & Water Department report.

Chief James gave the police department report for July in which he noted that Wesley Wheeler graduated from the Academy last week.

Fluharty gave a General Fund income report for July and reported that the Planning Commission will be sending out a survey with the water bills at the end of September. She also reported that the city's insurance carrier has said they will not provide liability coverage if the city passes an ordinance authorizing all-terrain vehicles to operate on city streets and alleys.

The first item under old business was Poolside Drive in Hough Addition. Mayor Garcia said he would like to paint the curb yellow from the pool to Hough Street to allow for more

room for vehicles including the transit authority bus which would like to make runs to Hough Park. He said all but a couple of the residents have driveways where they can park. Rhonda Martin said she is not going to carry groceries up steps into the rear of her house when it is so much easier to park on Poolside Drive. Jack Wilson said he wanted to see the street widened instead of the yellow line be painted. Garcia said they have not received the information from Miss Utility yet about any utility lines that would need to be moved if the street were widened.

In new business, Mayor Garcia asked council to appoint Rana Taylor, Freda Moore and Michele Fluharty to the audit committee. Starsick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendations and appoint Taylor, Moore and Fluharty. Michael seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor abstained.

Six Community Participation Grant resolutions were presented for council's approval for the following projects: *Street/sidewalk improvements in downtown Mannington, bleachers for Hough Park gymnasium, equipment for the Mannington Police Department, funds for the Mannington Landmark Commission to conduct a survey of Clayton Addition, Mannington Main Street to improve the central business district and Mannington Park Board for pool repairs/improvements.* Taylor made the motion to accept the conditions of the 2010 Community Participation Grant contracts and to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary paperwork. Moore seconded the motion and all approved.

Since the new cruiser and truck have arrived, it was agreed that an auction can be scheduled to sell both vehicles that are being replaced and any other equipment that is no longer needed. Moore made the motion to authorize an ordinance be drawn up to set the auction. Michael seconded the motion and it carried.

Smith mentioned again that several fence posts on the rail trail are broken.

Starsick commended the city crew on the excellent job they did on the drain at DeVaul's in Brookside.

Moore said a speed bump has been requested for the upper end of Park Drive in Hough Addition, the wall on the other side of the swinging bridge needs some work and kids have been riding small motorized bikes along the creek bank in Southside. Chief James said if they are 49cc, they do not need a license or insurance and he added that none of the property owners in that area have complained.

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

