

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012

The first regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, February 6, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Rana Taylor, and Becky Williams.

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

Outside agencies with budget requests were first on the agenda. Olive Marie Utt representing the Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund and the West Augusta Historical Society distributed financial reports for both agencies and said they would appreciate any funds that the city could appropriate to them.

Rachel Keller of the Boys & Girls Club gave an outline of the After School Program and the Summer Program. She said there is presently a deficit of \$6,000 for the Summer Program due to federal budget cuts.

Amy Sine of the WV Conservation Agency explained the Marion County Hands On Ag Day which was held in Mannington this year and said she would like to take it county-wide.

Other outside agencies who submitted written requests included Connecting Link, Mannington Main Street, the Mannington Park Board, United Way and the Mannington Public Library.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Denny Efaw said he had applied for water and sewer taps for his property off Railroad Street and asked why he could not put recreational vehicles there. He said they would be there temporarily for ten months. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said that is not a permitted use in the C1 District. If Efaw wanted to ask for a change in the zoning laws, he must address the Planning Commission and that process would take at least two months. Efaw said he did not have that much time. Mayor Garcia said the WV PSC has been contacted concerning the taps and their legal division is to issue an opinion but the initial ruling was that Efaw must pay for a tap for each trailer/camper placed there.

Richard Kimble who is a resident of North Gate subdivision said he has a drainage and run-off problem due to water coming from Randy Elliott's lot. According to Kimble, he contacted Elliott who said it is the City's responsibility. He also said a hydrant is

needed in the subdivision. Mayor Garcia said he recently talked to Martin Haught who was one of the contractors on the development and he said they met all the subdivision specifications. Councilman Starsick suggested ditching along the street to help with the drainage problem. Kimball also said Elliott has put up a fence which denies him access around his house. Horton said that is a civil matter. Garcia is to get the subdivision plans and paperwork from Haught.

In department reports, Nice detailed the work done by his crew during the last two weeks. Fluharty reported that the auditors from Tetrick & Bartlett were at city hall last week and are now finishing up the audit.

The first item of business was Ordinance #402 which amends the Flood Plain regulations. Taylor made the motion to read the heading only. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia read the heading. Robyn Mumphard and Richard Carte from the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management were present to answer any questions. The new regulations and flood map will become effective on June 19, 2012. The upcoming project at Rock Camp was mentioned and Mumphard said the City should submit a letter to FEMA once the project is complete and ask for a map amendment. He also said anyone can access their website to use the online tool to determine if their property is in a flood zone. Starsick then made the motion to adopt Ordinance #402. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

Garcia recommended that Bill Hunter be appointed to fill Dave Liller's unexpired term on the Sanitary Board. Smith made the motion to appoint Hunter. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia said he and Nice surveyed the area around the Historical Society Museum and found a power pole for a new street light. The light is needed for the school kids waiting for the bus in the morning. Taylor made the motion to approve the new street light on East Main Street. Dunigan seconded the motion and all approved.

A letter from the WV Ethics Commission was distributed to council. The Commission has ruled that anyone sitting on council who is also an unpaid member of Mannington Main Street can vote on matters pertaining to MMS. However a member of council who is also a paid MMS employee must leave the meeting during discussions of Main Street budget requests and refrain from voting on such matters.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Another budget work session will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 6:00 p.m.