

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2012

The first regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, March 5, 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.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Mayor Garcia recognized Nick Hayes who was present as a requirement for a Boy Scout merit badge.

Circuit Court Judge Michael Aloj, who is on the May ballot, said he was visiting all the Marion County towns and schools to find out their priorities. He asked for support in the primary election.

In department reports, Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said he has issued thirteen notices of violation and seven hearings have been scheduled. He reported to council that the proposed soup kitchen at 204 Main Street is a permitted use in that zoning district. Councilwoman Dunigan asked about the possibility of the mustard-colored house on Howard Street being demolished. Horton said he would like to see the City apply for monies through the Bowers Grant.

Fluharty distributed copies of the FY 2010-11 audit report.

In New Business, the first item was the FY 2012-13 budgets. Taylor made the motion to approve the first reading of the General Fund, Fire Fund, Water Fund, Coal Severance Fund, Mead Fund budgets. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia read part time Patrolman Tyler Hall's letter of resignation. As a part of the training agreement that Hall signed when he was hired, he is required to reimburse the City for his training expenses. The cost was 7,349.12 which is to be paid back within one year. Hall said he did not feel it was fair to include his salary during his time in the academy because he worked for that.

Garcia said if Hall had not been in the academy, he would not have worked the 40 hours a week. Hall then asked if the reimbursement could be extended longer than a year. Garcia said no because the City will need the money to replace Hall and will incur costs training a new officer. Starsick asked if Hall thought it through when he signed the agreement. Hall said no because it was a requirement in order to get the job.

Garcia read Katy Stafford's letter of resignation from the Park Board effective immediately. He expressed his thanks to Katy & Lenny Stafford for their work during Katy's tenure as president. He said a special Park Board meeting has been set for Tuesday, March 13 to re-organize.

Garcia asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Smith made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:30 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m. with nothing to report.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.