

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

The second regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, September 20, 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.

Kim Sides representing the United Way of Marion County explained how Mannington benefits from their services. She said Marion County struggles every year to meet their goal so she left forms and brochures for distribution at city hall.

Becka Efav said it is still a drag strip on Meadow Avenue and repeated her request for a speed bump. The mayor said he talked to the district office of the DOH and they said the city could not put one there since it is a state route but he will talk to them again.

Glenn Mayhugh said the Humane Society will not take feral cats even though they said they would at a recent city meeting. Mayor Garcia said he would check with County Commissioner Randy Elliott.

Reese Cup Bates asked that Tannery Street be paved.

Jim Stewart, chairman of the Bridge Committee, gave an update on their efforts to secure a new Clarksburg Street bridge. He said the DOT has a list of approximately 23 bridges statewide to be replaced and it is on that list. However, the state legislature also has a list and the Clarksburg Street Bridge is not on that list. Lotta Neer called Delegate Mike Caputo and is trying to get it on the legislature's list. The city's share of the \$1,200,000 project would be approximately \$200,000. Stewart said he talked to Delegate Linda Longstreth and she said there is funding for matching funds for such a project and she would be willing to meet with the committee to help them. Stewart added that they are looking at a 4 year time frame for the bridge's replacement. He said if it is restored historically, the cost would climb to over \$4,000,000 and the city's share would be \$800,000.

In department reports, the mayor read the Street/Water Department report. Chief of Police David James gave his department's August report in which he noted that they had 187 calls for assistance. Jimmy Troy gave the Fire Department's August report. They had 21 calls for 25 hours. Fluharty reported that the new desktop and laptop computers for the police department have been received and thanks to Janice Whinnie, who works in the clerk's office, they have been set up and are working great.

The first item of old business was the second and final reading of Ordinance #394 which adopts the 2009 state building codes. The mayor read the heading. Taylor made motion to adopt Ordinance #394. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

The second and final reading of Ordinance #395 which amends the dog ordinance to include cats was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Garcia read the heading. Moore made the motion to adopt Ordinance #395. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

A fall clean-up day was discussed. Moore made the motion to authorize a clean-up day on Saturday, October 16. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Information on speed humps and rumble strips was reviewed by council. Mayor Garcia said he would recommend that rumble strips be purchased to replace the speed bumps on Pyles Avenue. Moore made the motion to approve the purchase of one roll of the rumble strips. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. It was agreed that the damaged speed bump on Pyles Avenue needs removed immediately.

Fluharty said the audit committee is recommending Teed & Associates as the firm to conduct the 2009-10 audits. She said two firms tied in points but the committee is asking that Teed be given five preference points since they were the low bid and did last year's audit. Moore made the motion to award the audit to Teed & Associates. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

Pay Requisition #35 to pay for the Downs & Mannington PSD meters from the SCBG funds was approved in a motion by Moore. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

Taylor asked if Park Drive was one way because she said it is a mess when traffic comes out of the park that way. Stewart said that is tied to the need to widen Poolside Drive since some vehicles cannot safely drive through it. Garcia said he is still waiting on estimates to widen that street plus Kevin Stalnaker was to get something in writing from Allegheny Power stating that the power poles did not need to be moved.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.