

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

The first regular September of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Tuesday, September 4, 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.

The first item of business was Pay Requisition #44 for the ongoing Water Project. Starsick made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #44 for \$13,389.70. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty said Sheena Hunt from Region Six will attend the next council meeting to discuss the end of the project and present a final drawdown.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Mark Starsick asked council to consider amending Ordinance #347 which prohibits ATVs to allow UTVs. He argued that the best way to slow down the use of UTVs is to regulate them. He distributed sample regulations from other towns along with a rough draft of an ordinance for council to consider adopting. He also showed samples of licenses and stickers that the City could sell to UTV owners. Taylor asked Chief of Police David James if he thought this would control the UTVs because she is concerned about their use on Pyles Avenue. James said that they are not being controlled with the current regulations so he does not see how it would be better without them. He said enforcement of such an ordinance would be a problem. Dunigan said ATV/UTVs are a hazard now on Meadow Avenue because of their speed and she is concerned if more are allowed on the road. She suggested the other towns in WV who have an ordinance be contacted to see if it is working. Starsick said he would ask that someone other than James contact them because he is obviously biased. Mayor Garcia said he would contact Welch, Logan and Rivesville. Phil Prichard spoke briefly in favor of the proposed ordinance.

In his report, James said his department received 181 calls for assistance during August and noted that Brad Hamrick reported to the academy today. Hamrick should graduate on December 21.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was approval of the loans from the Marion County Commission and the Marion County Development Authority for the City's portion of the Clarksburg Street Bridge replacement project. Dunigan made the motion to approve the \$50,000 loan at 1% from the Marion County Development Authority and the \$50,000 no-interest loan from the Marion County Commission. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

The next item of business was the Governor's Community Partnership grant application for

a cascade system for the Fire Department. Since the City was unaware of the details for the grant, it was tabled until the next meeting. Smith is to get more information.

Starsick said the hydrant by his house is out of service and he would like Superintendent Ted Nice to see what is necessary to get it repaired.

Dunigan who is president of the Park Board reported that the pool is now closed and the park will close for the season in two weeks. She also said that contrary to earlier reports, the County Commission is not building a new pool at Hough Park next year. She said a meeting will be held in the next couple of weeks with Tony Michalski of Marion County Parks & Rec to determine what repairs are needed at the pool.

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