

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2014

The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens 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, Beverly Jones, president of the West Augusta Historical Society, gave their mission statement and outlined their upcoming activities. She invited everyone to their next meeting on April 14 at the Round Barn. She said they are updating their membership and distributed enrollment forms to the council members and the city clerk. Mayor Taylor is already a member. Jones said she was previously appointed as the City's representative on the WAHS Board but since she is now the president, she recommended that Judy Efaw be appointed as the City's rep. Kolb made the motion to appoint Efaw as the City's representative on the Historical Society Board. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Butch McNeill asked about the house in Northview that is located next to his home. He said something needs done about it. Mayor Taylor said certified letters have been sent to the owner in Florida but she will not accept them. He said the City cannot tear it down because it doesn't belong to the City. Taylor said they have the same situation with the property on Washington Street which was recently purchased for \$5. The code enforcement officer brought him into his office to address the maintenance issues with the property but the new owner said he had no money to fix it up or to purchase insurance. Taylor said he advised him that, as the owner, he would be criminally negligent if the house falls and damages the surrounding properties. Taylor said the State needs to be more proactive in these dealings and ensure that the person purchasing the properties has the means to maintain them.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said they completed the work on the East Main Street drain last week and purchased the materials for the Whetsone line replacement. Chief of Police David James gave his March report. He said they issued four citations and received 49 calls for assistance.

There was no old business.

In New Business, Taylor said Red Rock Enterprises will be timbering in the area and they would like to rent city property at Dent's Run for storage. The parcel which will be approximately 8' x 20' will be rented for \$400 a month. Kolb made the motion to approve the rental. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Starsick made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said council must, by law, meet on the third Tuesday of April to approve the levy rates for the FY 2014-15 General Fund Budget. The time of 5:00 p.m. was set for the meeting.

Lou McNeill asked if there were any plans for Northview Road. Nice said they would be patching it. McNeill said they would like speed bumps there also because of the speeding.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.