

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2014**

**The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.**

**Visitor Teresa Price asked how long you have to start work once you get a building permit and she was told one year. Mac Spengler asked if the bids have been let on the Clarksburg Street Bridge. Taylor said the contract was awarded to Ohio Bridge Corporation in November.**

**In department reports, Chief of Police David James said they received 122 calls for assistance during the month.**

**There was no old business.**

**In New Business, Fluharty reviewed the proposals she received for a new copier for her office. The low quote, with trade-in, was from MCM Business for \$3495 for a Konica Minolta B224. Kolb made the motion to accept MCM's proposal. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.**

**The final item on the agenda was the Sanitary Board's request for a rate increase. Mayor Taylor explained that the minimum will increase by \$1.47 and the average (4000 gallons) by \$2.71. This is a two-step increase with the second phase to go into effect after the proposed plant upgrade project is completed which is estimated to be in 2016 or later. Taylor said the Board cannot get funding unless their rates meet the median**

standards and the current rates do not do that. Smith and Starsick expressed concern that Council does not know what is happening with the Sanitary Board until an increase is necessary. The cash flow analysis from Bennett & Dobbins, justifying the raise, was distributed. Cutting the scope of the plant project was suggested and Taylor said he brought in Tim Bosley of B&M Environmental who reviewed Thrasher's proposal. He eliminated approximately \$100,000 from the project. Starsick said the City needs to get the word out about the increase so that the public will have some input. Fluharty said a legal ad will be in the newspaper advising every one of the public hearing on the final reading. Kolb then made the motion to authorize an ordinance to increase the rates. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Stevens made the motion to approve the bills as presented. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.