

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2013

The first regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present 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.

Tony Michalski of Marion County Parks & Recreation presented a 2013 Community Grant check for \$2,154 for the Mannington Park Board. He said the money can be used for whatever they need and the Board can apply for another grant in January 2014. Michalski touched on several other subjects including the renovations for the Mannington pool, improvements to Curtisville Lake and the Connector Trail from Fairmont to Mannington. Concerning the Connector Trail, he said the County is still waiting for the property transfer from CSX. He said if the transfer does not happen within the next six months, they will lose the \$350,000 grant. Since the first priority is the portion from Farmington to Mannington, Michalski said he will come back to talk to the City after the transfer is complete. Mayor Taylor thanked him for coming to update council and for the grant. He asked if MCPARC could give the Park Board any relief from their mowing burden. Michalski said he would talk to the Board and their superintendent to see if they could help out. He said if they can't help with manpower, the Board could apply for funds through the Community Grant for a riding mower. Lenny Stafford who is a MCPARC Board member said Michalski is a valuable employee and if possible, he and the Board will find a way to help Mannington.

Visitor Michelle DeMoss was present about a parking problem on Center Street and Mayor Taylor asked her to give him time to find a solution.

In Old Business, Taylor said he has approached Consol for funding to help with the swinging bridge repairs and he will keep council updated.

In New Business, a year end stipend for the city employees was the first item on the agenda. Kolb made the motion to approve a \$250 stipend for the employees. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

The Retirement Plus Agreement with the State of West Virginia which adopts the Section 457 Deferred Retirement Plan was approved in a motion by Stevens. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor said only one employee has expressed interest in the plan but he hopes the participation will expand in the future.

The online auction for the 2008 Chevrolet Blazer has ended and the high bid was \$3,250 from Samuel Secreti. Stevens made the motion to accept the bid by Secreti. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Councilman Starsick said he will talk to Don White about the swinging bridge repairs.

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