

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2014

The second regular November meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the previous meeting and they stood approved as read.

Butch & Lou McNeill were present about Murray Energy's work hours at their site on Pyles Avenue and Spring Street. Taylor said he would send the noise ordinance to Murray Energy. McNeill asked if the City had any news on the property beside his house in Northview. Taylor said no. The latest news he had was that it would be up for sale at the courthouse in 2015-16.

Sally Kolb said she contacted Randy Watson at Thrasher Engineering to get a copy of the pool plans and they will meet on Friday at the pool to review the plans. She said Watson assured her that he would submit the plans to the State and the pool would be ready to open next summer. She invited the mayor and any council members to meet with her and Watson.

In department reports, Chief of Police David James gave his October report. He said it was a quiet month with only two arrests and 97 calls for assistance.

Superintendent Ted Nice said the Whetstone line will be finished after Thanksgiving. He said their vehicles/equipment are all ready for winter. Nice said he and Dennis Hayes are picking up the safety equipment tomorrow that the City was awarded from the DOH. Kolb said several of the downtown lights are still not burning. It was suggested that Nice look into LED bulbs or new globes to eliminate any heat buildup problem.

In Old Business, Councilman Kolb reported that the lawsuit against the Mannington Park Board was dismissed in magistrate court last week.

In New Business, Ordinance #416 which prohibits tri-axles trucks from using Water Street without a permit was presented for its first reading. Kolb made the motion to read the heading only. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. Kolb made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #416. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

A year end stipend of \$250 for the city employees was discussed. Kolb asked if it could be increased by \$50 and Fluharty said that should not be a problem budget-wise. Kolb made the motion to approve a \$300 stipend for all the city employees. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Terry Starsick asked for an update on the swinging bridge. Taylor said the work has not been started yet but he will check with Greg White again this week.

Councilman Smith said the code enforcement office needs to look at the old Mockler house on High Street and asked the Chief to check on the people parking on the sidewalk on Washington Street.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.