

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

The second regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Jim Taylor presiding was held Monday, September 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were 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.

Ken Witt, chairman of the Mannington Planning Commission, was present to answer any questions about the proposed fence regulations. No one had any questions so Starsick made the motion to authorize an ordinance be drawn up to implement the new fence regulations. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Olive Marie Utt thanked council for the budget allotments this year to the West Augusta Historical Society and the Mannington Cemetery.

Orie Ellen Sterling thanked everyone who came to the recent Historical Society picnic. She said the City needs to appoint someone to represent them on the Historical Society's board and she recommended Beverly Jones. Mayor Taylor asked her to submit a letter of recommendation so that council can consider Jones' appointment.

Kevin Deen, representing the Kiwanis, said he is trying to organize a club in the North Marion area. He said they need a minimum of 15 members and the charter membership is \$50. He left membership packets for anyone interested in joining.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave details of their work during the last two weeks. He said they knocked out a window in Hutson's warehouse while cutting down a tree in the area. Nice recommended that, in the future, a contractor be hired to remove large trees.

In Old Business, Mayor Taylor said the PSC has advised the City that Ordinance #311 which revised the transportation fee to be charged to Downs PSD was not necessary, so he asked for a motion to rescind the ordinance. Stevens made the motion to rescind Ordinance #311. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The rate was reduced by the PSC to eighty cents and a tariff has been issued.

Starsick made the motion to authorize two dumpsters for the Fall Clean-Up Day on September 28. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

General Fund Budget Revision #2 which allocates the money received from the sale of water from Dent's Run Dam to TransEnergy was reviewed. Taylor said the money will be used to pay for the easements for the Clarksburg Street Bridge Project and the remainder will be placed in the capital outlay account. Stevens asked why the easements were necessary. Taylor said the state's plans call for several permanent easements that are necessary for utility relocations. Stevens made the motion to approve the revisions as presented. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor told council that he was advised by the State DOT that the city must move quickly on the easements or they may reschedule the project. Taylor said he has been unable to talk to the city attorney concerning the matter but he will do so this week to see why there has been a delay.

Starsick made the motion to approve the Neptune software/hardware maintenance agreement for \$750 and \$1863, respectively. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said the audit committee met prior to tonight's meeting and based on their point system, they are recommending Teed & Associates as the auditor for the FY 2012 & 2013 audits. Starsick made the motion to accept the committee's recommendation. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilman Starsick asked about the Mead Fund investments and Fluharty said she would have that information at the next meeting.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.