

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 6, 2009

The first April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Bob Garcia, Harold Rosencrance, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

Tony Michalski, Kim Securro and Brenda Reed of MCPARC were present to talk about the playground program. It will be held June 15 – July 24 this year and they urged the city to participate. Reed said they had 40 kids a day last year. Michalski added that their grant cycle starts July 1 and he invited the Park Board to apply. In other matters, he said MCPARC is looking for employees, a Family Fishing Day has been set for Friday at Curtisville Dam and advised that there is a new law about drains in pools. He said if the Park Board needs help with the new regulation, they should call him.

Dave Carlin said the door is still open in that property by his house. White said there appears to be some confusion about the owner since code enforcement officer Anthony Horton thought Columbo Nwoko was the owner and he was summoned to city court on that issue. Horton will be advised of the problem. Carlin also complained about the parking by Wonderland Day Care.

Tim Jolliffe said the tree by his house on Locust Avenue needs removed. Street Superintendent Rexrode said the tree is starting to die. Upon questioning by White, Jolliffe agreed to remove the tree if the city has it cut down. Rexrode is to get estimates.

Robin Smith asked for a Children Playing sign on Meadow Avenue to deter the speeders. White told Smith that the city may be interested in the trailer for sale by her Signs & More business. White asked Rexrode to look at the trailer to see if it would meet his department's needs.

Betty Williams issued a complaint about a Water Department employee's driving.

Evelyn Mayo said the creek bank behind her home is continuing to erode and a tree there needs removed. Mayor White asked Rexrode to contact the DOH about the erosion since it is on the creek bank and to determine if the tree's location is on their right of way.

Charles Hall agreed with Smith that speeding is a problem in Homewood along with 4-wheelers, dirt bikes and barking dogs. Jim Byard said the 4-wheelers are out every weekend. Mayor White directed the police department to issue warnings to the violators but if that does not change their behavior, citations should be issued. However, he said that anyone operating a 4-wheeler on the road after 11 p.m. should be cited without a warning. Rosencrance suggested a notice be put in the newspaper.

County Commissioner Randy Elliott reported on several grants issued to Mannington organizations and added that he has also requested additional funds for the Park Board through Senators Kessler and Edgell.

In his report, Mayor White said the Sanitary Board received a notice from the DEP about the need for additional pumps for the Brookside lift station. He said they do not have the

money to purchase the pumps and the Board is still waiting on the promised grant monies. White also reported on the letter that he wrote to the PSC protesting Fairmont's request for a waiver. He said while he is sure Fairmont will be granted a rate increase, he is trying to get it as low as possible for Mannington.

In department reports, the written Street & Water Department report was read. Chief of Police David James said his department is currently shorthanded and the call volume/investigations are up.

In old business, council discussed a letter from AAA Homes in which they claimed no responsibility for the damage to the downtown light pole and advised the city to contact the driver. James is to check his report to see who owned the truck.

In new business, the revised right of way for Mannington PSD was reviewed and Mayor White recommended that it be granted. Rosencrance made the motion to grant the right of way and authorize the mayor to sign it. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

It was agreed to hold the spring clean up day on April 25 with the dumpsters to be placed in front of the garage doors. Garcia made the motion to authorize the rental of the dumpsters for Clean Up Day. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

White recommended that Fluharty's list of workers for the upcoming city election be approved. Rosencrance made the motion to appoint the poll workers and alternates as listed. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty asked for permission to transfer funds from the Water Department's Reserve Account into the Water Fund to cover the monthly loan payments. She said most customers are now waiting until the 20th of the month to pay their bills so the funds are not always available to cover the automatic fund withdrawal. The USDA's letter of approval was presented also. Garcia made the motion to approve the transfer of funds. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Pay Requisition #5 for the Trailhead Project in the amount of \$61,758.10 was approved in a motion by Garcia. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

As required by law, council must meet on April 21 to set the levy rates. Garcia made the motion to set the meeting for 6:00 p.m. on April 21. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.