

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009**

**The first regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, February 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. All council members were present.**

**City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.**

**In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Rhonda Martin said that there were five bags of garbage by the Earley residence and pick-up is not until Thursday. White said a ticket was issued earlier this month for the same problem and it would stand. He also said the code enforcement officer would be directed to inspect that property.**

**Charlie Hall said the recycling trailer across from the North Marion Senior Center has become a dump. Mayor White asked Fluharty to write Al Babcock advising him of the problem. He said the city appreciates the recycling center but it is becoming an eyesore. Garcia suggested that Randy Elliott be contacted also since he owns the property.**

**In his report, Mayor White gave an update on the proposed skate park. He suggested that local kids be recruited to help with the project and that would give them incentive to help maintain it and protect it from vandalism. He said a pass system might be used also. Councilman Starsick asked that the city's insurance carrier be contacted about coverage for a skate park.**

**In the department reports, Mayor White read the written Street/Water Department report. Fluharty reported that AAA Mobile Homes has not paid for the downtown light pole that was damaged by their driver last fall. She said a certified letter will be sent to them but asked if council wanted her to pursue collection through Magistrate Court if they do not pay. Mayor White suggested the**

city contact the State Insurance Commissioner if they fail to respond. Fluharty also said it was time to start work on next year's budgets. A meeting was set for Monday, February 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The only item under old business was the delinquent business & occupation tax report prepared by Fluharty. Council directed her to send certified letters to everyone on the list and if they fail to respond, go to Magistrate Court to begin collection proceedings. Any payment plans will be reviewed at the next meeting. White suggested that if they owe less than \$1,000, they must pay within four months; if owe less more than \$1,000 but less than \$2,500, pay within six months and if owe more than \$2,500, pay within one year.

Under new business, Mayor White recommended that Orie Ellen Sterling and Martha Kendall be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Rosencrance made the motion to reappoint Sterling & Kendall to three-year terms on the Planning Commission. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

White said that the State Health Department's goal is to get as many employees as possible certified as a water distribution system operator. White said he would like to get a least three certified so that the city always has someone working who is certified. White said Superintendent Rexrode must decide whom to send next.

The abatement hearing scheduled as the last item on the agenda was reset for Wednesday, February 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.