

## Council Meeting of May 4, 2009

The first regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Frank White presiding was held Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Harold Rosencrance, Terry Starsick and Del Watson.

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

In his report, Mayor White said the city may need to revisit the Hach agreement if the tie-in with Fairmont continues to be pushed back. He also said that if the city's cinder/rock pile is relocated to Dent's Run , it would be inconvenient to keep the backhoe there. He said the only other city property that could house them would be on Church Street but the corners would need to be established before developing it. Garcia made the motion to approve the relocating of the cinder/rock/salt pile to Church Street. Watson seconded the motion and all approved.

White also reminded everyone that the hearing on Fairmont's rate increase is set for May 14 in Fairmont. He said a letter has been sent to Greenhorne & O'Mara asking for a building similar to the one by Hillcrest Road to be built on the Baker property to house the meters and store chlorine.

In department reports, the written Street/Water Department report was read. White said Rob Yost will be moving in his paving equipment as soon as the weather clears up. Superintendent Charles Rexrode's request to replace Mannington PSD's meter on Flaggy Meadow was reviewed and he was given the okay to purchase it.

Fluharty presented a letter from Larry Rice asking for permission to repair the vintage light pole that he damaged last fall on Market Street. It was agreed to send him a letter advising him that he will be given a chance to fix the pole but the city reserves the right to accept or reject it once the repairs are completed. In addition, he must provide proof of insurance when he picks up the pole and he will be given one week to fix it. He is to sign a receipt when he picks up the pole.

In new business, White recommended that \$5,000 from the Mead Fund reserve account be used to pave the upper end of Water Street by the post office. Starsick made the motion to approve \$5,000 to pave a section of Water Street. Rosencrance seconded the motion and it carried.

The following quotes for the removal of trees on Locust, Church and Walnut Streets were received:

John's Tree Service      \$1800

Sides Construction      450

Mt State Tree Service    1600

White recommended that Rexrode get a clarification of the bids from Sides and Mountain State Tree service and then award the contract to the low bidder not to exceed \$1800. They will be given until tomorrow to clarify their bids. Garcia made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and award the contract to the low bidder once the clarification is received. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Orie Ellen Sterling reported on a recent meeting that she attended about Civil War Trails signage. She said the State of WV will pay for 150 of the signs and if the city applies, they would be eligible for the free signs. She said the Planning Commission has recommended the city's participation. There will be a \$200 annual maintenance fee but Sterling was not sure if that is per entity or per sign. She said Mannington should get at least one but there must be research on the battles to see if more would be applicable. Mayor White recommended that the city pursue the signs. Rosencrance made the motion authorizing the city to participate in the Civil War signage project. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

City employee Ted Nice asked if he could carry over his vacation days to the next fiscal year. Since he is the only full time employee at the water plant and the connection with Fairmont has been delayed several months, Nice has only been able to take two vacation days. Rosencrance made the motion to allow Nice to carry over his vacation days to the next fiscal year due to the delays in the Fairmont/Mannington water project and the lack of manpower at the water plant. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. This is an exception to the city's employee policy made necessary by unforeseen circumstances. White said he would like to get another person certified to get the water samples, check the tanks, etc., so that similar circumstances do not occur in the future.

Karen Graham and Joanna Reeves terms of office on the Landmark Commission have expired and Mayor White recommended that both be reappointed. Garcia made the motion to reappoint Graham and Reeves to 2-year terms on the Commission. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor White said he will be holding a meeting on emergency preparedness for the city at the North Marion Senior Center on Tuesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. He invited the council to attend.

Rosencrance made the motion to adjourn. Watson seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.