

## COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 1, 2012

The first regular October meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, October 1, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Christina Dunigan, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Rana Taylor and Becky Williams.

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, Mark Starsick distributed pictures showing the difference between an ATV and an UTV. He said that Wheeling, Bridgeport and Morgantown also have ATV/UTV ordinances.

John Cassell provided a written proposal for free wi-fi for the downtown area for council to review.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice detailed the work his crew did during the last two week. Chief of Police David James gave his September report in which he noted that they had received 140 calls for assistance. Fluharty distributed last year's financial statements. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said he issued 16 notices of violation and 14 building permits plus three violation hearings were held.

In Old Business, the first item of business was the Governor's Community Participation Grant application. Mayor Garcia asked Councilman Smith to give details on the application for the Fire Department. Smith said it was for a cascade system so they can refill their oxygen bottles. Smith made the motion to approve the application for the CPG and to authorize the mayor to sign all necessary paperwork. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The Fire Department has the funds for the matching portion.

Thomas Aman from Steptoe & Johnson was present to answer any questions about the second reading of Ordinance #405 (bond ordinance). He said the City's portion of the Clarksburg Street Bridge Project looks to be approximately \$208,000 and Council must,

by law, appropriate funds annually to pay off the bonds. He said after the ordinance is passed, the next step will be to get a letter of conditions from the USDA. Dunigan made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #405. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Aman read the heading. Smith made the motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance #405. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was the catch basin on Route 250 by Carnes Auto. Nice said they must dig over 10 feet deep and the cost of the pipe, grating, etc will be \$1936. Dunigan made the motion to approve the purchase of the items needed for the catch basin. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried. Nice said after the City completes the catch basin, the State DOH is to begin work on the drain across Route 250.

Trick or Treat was discussed next. Starsick made the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Dunigan seconded the motion and it carried.

The budget amendment for the COPS Fast Grant was reviewed by council. Fluharty said they are under budget by approximately \$20,000 and the amendment, if approved by the Justice Department, would purchase additional security cameras and computers along with six Tasers and two radar units. Dunigan asked if some of those cameras could be placed at Hough Park because they are experiencing a lot of vandalism. James said the cameras must be in line of sight in order to work on this system and the park would be well out of range. He suggested she talk to the Fair Board about a joint project and the cameras could be placed in the WV Room. Dunigan made the motion to approve the amendment to the COPS Grant. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

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