

COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 7, 2007

The first regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, May 7, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Denny Powell and Michelle Rosier.

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

Jim and Wanda Byard were present to complain about several property maintenance issues with their neighbors. Byard quoted a section of the city code dealing with nuisances. Mayor Stafford said all parties would be summoned to court and it will be settled there.

Mannington Main Street Manager Rana Taylor reported on the WV Main Street awards ceremony. She said they received \$2,000 in awards.

Mayor Stafford gave an update on the Farley property on Water Street. It is to be wrapped by the end of the month as a temporary fix until word is received about his grant application. Jim Hayes asked that something be done about the Sponaugle property on Mannington Avenue and Judy Hamilton said the Wilson property across from the Exxon is an eyesore.

Fluharty reminded everyone about the Meet Your Candidates forum to be held Tuesday, May 15 at the North Marion Senior Center.

Sheena Hunt from Region Six PDC presented Pay Requisition #12 from the City's water project grant. The payment would cover invoices from the City of Fairmont, Greenhorne & O'Mara and Region Six. Garcia made the motion to pay Pay Requisition #12 in the amount of \$87,674.97. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Rosier voted no. Hunt then presented a budget amendment to cover legal and accounting fees, rights of way and contingency funds. Garcia made the motion to approve Budget Amendment #7 in the amount of \$186,581. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Rosier voted no. Hunt said Fairmont anticipates bidding the project this summer.

Josh Barker of North Marion's Boys' Basketball team asked for a donation to purchase equipment. The equipment which automatically shoots out the ball for shooting or rebounding will benefit not only North Marion's team but other teams that use their facility. Garcia made the motion to donate \$1,000 to North Marion Boys' Basketball. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. Powell and Rosier voted no. Stafford added that if the equipment is not purchased then the funds are to be returned to the city. Barker agreed.

John Higgins reported that the Fire Department has applied for three grants for trucks/equipment.

Mayor Stafford asked Charlie Rexrode to check on the water running behind the WAHS's museum. Rexrode said that is scheduled for repair on Wednesday.

A quote from Martin Repair in the amount of \$3,300 to repair the sidewalk on Buffalo Road from Hicks' property to around the turn was reviewed. Liller made the motion to accept the bid from Martin Repair. Rosier seconded the motion and all approved. The grant money received from the Bowers Trust will be used to pay for this job.

Mayor Stafford said that Charles Rexrode has successfully completed his probation period and recommended that he be appointed as the regular Street/Water Superintendent. Rosier made the motion to appoint Rexrode as the Street/Water Superintendent on a permanent basis. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. Powell then made the motion to post Rexrode's former position of Assistant to the Superintendent. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

A newspaper article about the need to update the software that operates the Mannington Middle School clock was distributed to council. Liller made the motion to donate \$200 toward the purchase of the software. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said the city received Notices to Proceed for the Rails to Trails projects – one to construct a trailhead and the other to make improvements to the old railroad bridge above Northview. The first step is to bid out the design for the trailhead and the contract for the railroad bridge. Garcia made the motion to authorize the bidding process. Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

Powell made the motion to adjourn. Liller seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.