

## COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 12, 2007

The first regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Denny Efaw and Michelle Rosier.

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

Mayor Stafford read the budget requests received from eight outside agencies. Those agencies were Mannington Main Street, The Connecting Link, Mannington Park Board, Mannington Library, Community Building Restoration Committee, West Augusta Historical Society, Mannington Cemetery Perpetual Care, and Mannington Promise For Kids. These requests will all be reviewed and a decision will be made in March when the FY 2007-08 budgets are finalized.

Chuck Hall asked about the procedure to make the four-way intersection by his residence in Homewood into a four-way stop. He said that would help curtail the speeding on Meadow Avenue. The mayor will contact the DOH.

Street/Water Superintendent Charlie Rexrode presented his department's written report and reported on a crack in the basin at the water plant. Thrasher Engineering employees are coming tomorrow morning to assess the problem and determine the best way to seal it.

Councilman Denny Powell said that based on the City of Fairmont's recent water problems that he would like to see the city's connection be directly to Fairmont's plant.

Fluharty said that the cancellation of last week's meeting has put the city behind in their budget meetings and asked when council wanted to schedule one. It was agreed to hold it at 6:00 p.m. prior to the February 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Under new business, Ordinance #383 which establishes an overlay district along a section of Route 250 was presented for its first reading. Powell made the motion to read the heading only. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty read the heading. Garcia made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #383. Liller seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty asked council to accept her recommendation to appoint Joyce Hall and Phyllis Hearn as ballot commissions for the upcoming city election. Liller made the motion to appoint Hall and Hearn as ballot commissioners. Garcia seconded the motion and all approved.

Councilwoman Rosier reported that animal control will no longer pick up cats in the county due to an ongoing lawsuit. She said cats are a big problem in Sycamore and she is worried that if the cats are stray and not vaccinated that they could spread illnesses to other animals. She said the city is paying the county for animal control and yet they refuse to pick up cats. Mayor Stafford said he contacted County Commissioner Randy Elliott and according to Elliott, animal control will provide traps/cages for anyone who wants to catch the cats and bring the animals to them.

Stafford said he met with the City of Fairmont's engineers, Greenhorne & O'Mara, about the city's connection to their system this spring. He said they are now considering running the

line along the railtrail, crossing at Bower's Bridge and going up the cut to the water tank. Powell again expressed his reservations about the project given Fairmont's recent outages among their resale customers and asked if alternative funding was considered for the city's water treatment plant project. Stafford said all the funding options were considered and denied once Fairmont's offer came into play. Chuck Hall asked about the feasibility of a back-up tank to hold water in the case of an emergency.

The final item on the agenda was the culvert repair on Pyles Avenue. A proposal to purchase the materials for the project was presented for council's approval. Efaw made the motion to purchase the materials at a cost of \$1,695.50 to repair the culvert. Rosier seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Rosier seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.