

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2007

The second regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Denny Efaw, Bob Garcia, Betty Liller, Denny Powell and Michelle Rosier.

Visitors included Jim Taylor of 511 Pyles Avenue who reported that a culvert by his house needs cleaned out. He said if it isn't cleaned then it will block water flowing from Prichard's hollow. Mayor Stafford said the State DOH has advised him that it is the city's responsibility but he will talk to Richard Stevens about the problem tomorrow.

Fire Chief Jim Moran asked if everyone has received the Fire Department's annual report. Stafford assured him that it had been distributed and commended Moran on the quality of the report. Moran said he talked to the new owner of the aerial truck that was purchased at the December auction and it is to be removed soon. It is presently sitting in the city's lot by the Rail Trail.

Fluharty was given the okay to put a notice in the newspaper asking any outside agencies wishing to apply for funding from next year's budget to attend the next council meeting or to submit their requests to her prior to the meeting. She also reported that the plaque for Donnie White/D&G employees had been received. She is to contact White to see if he can attend the next meeting.

Orie Ellen Sterling reported on her efforts to revitalize the Landmark Commission. She said it is a city board not an arm of Mannington Main Street. Sterling added that it is important to keep it going in case it is needed in the future. She said designating Clayton Addition as a historic district has been discussed and the probable closing of the middle school is an issue that needs to be addressed. Two current members, Sally Gorbey and Rana Taylor, have agreed to stay on board so three more members are needed. Fluharty said she had contacted the city attorney to see if members could be non-residents but he said they could not. The ordinance would need to be changed in order to appoint members who reside outside Mannington. Stafford said he would like to make an effort to get volunteers from in town before changing the ordinance. If three volunteers are not found within 30 days then an amendment will be considered. Fluharty will put a notice in the newspaper and on the city's website.

Garcia made the motion to adjourn. Rosier seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

