

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 8, 2007

The first regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Lenny Stafford presiding was held Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Bob Garcia, Denny Efaw, Betty Liller, Denny Powell and Michelle Rosier.

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

Under visitors, Main Street Manager Rana Taylor said that she would like to apply for funding to help curtail vandalism to the rail trail in some of the isolated spots. She will discuss the matter further if and when funding becomes available. She also reported that vehicles are using the trail.

Several North Marion High School Honor Roll students were present to observe the meeting as members of the Marion County Youth Leadership Program. They were Christopher Powell, Mariah Hamilton, A J Hoffman and Josh Karr.

Water Plant Operator Ted Nice reported that he will be attending a workshop on water sample testing. New testing requirements that go into effect this year will cost approximately \$1,000 per month and if the water line with Fairmont is not done before it goes into implementation, then the city will be responsible for it. He added that once the city hooks into the Fairmont system, a Class I operator will still be needed to pull chlorine samples and conduct tests for approximately three hours per day. He also suggested that some of the city employees become certified as Class I-D operators.

Chief of Police David James gave his department's monthly and annual report.

Fluharty said the plaque for Donnie White is on order and asked when council wanted to present it to him. It was agreed to do it during a regular meeting.

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton was present at the request of Councilman Powell. Several property maintenance concerns were addressed. Powell asked if John Capet's garage was built according to code. Horton said it is according to code but agreed that it does not look good. Powell also said there was an addition built to a house on Highland Street that he does not believe it is up to code. Other properties mentioned were the Robert Stewart properties, the Jeff Hayes house in Sycamore, the Sponaule property, and the Longstreth property on Pyles Avenue. Horton said the Stewart properties are in estate court and nothing can be done with them now. The Longstreth property is also in court and the current owners cannot be extradited but the circuit court could be petitioned. He will check on the remaining properties.

Under new business, Fluharty said she contacted the leasing company for the S & S Tanker and arranged for an additional payment to be applied to the principal. Powell

made the motion to send the \$7,000 raised from the recent auction to First Bankers Corporation. Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

A resolution accepting the conditions of the agreement between the WV Department of Transportation and the City and authorizing the mayor to sign all the necessary paperwork was the next item on the agenda. Rosier made the motion to pass the resolution as it pertains to State Project U325-MAN/NI-3.00 (the trailhead). Garcia seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia made the motion to accept the conditions of the agreement between the WV Department of Transportation and the City and authorizing the mayor to sign all the necessary paperwork as it pertains to State Project U325-MAN/NI-2.00 (the railroad bridge). Liller seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item on the agenda was the Street/Water Superintendent's position. Mayor Stafford said the candidates were discussed in executive session and asked for a motion to hire one of them. Garcia made the motion to hire Charles Rexrode subject to a 90 day probation. Rosier seconded the motion and it carried.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16 due to the Monday holiday.

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