

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2009**

The second regular meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, August 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Terry Starsick, Rana Taylor and Larry Smith.

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, Ray Shadrick said a speed bump is needed on Grafton Street but Bub Stout said one was not needed. Jim Byard said people are still putting signs on the power poles. Roddy George presented a letter asking the city to consider opening the Dent's Run Dam to fishing once the plant is shut down. Mayor Garcia said they would take the request under advisement.

Garcia read the Street & Water Department report.

The first item on the agenda was a public hearing on Ordinance #392 which proposes an increase in the water rates. Starsick made the motion to read the heading only. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia read the heading. He then asked for any comments from those in attendance. Richard Stevens said it would create a hardship on people with fixed incomes. Chuck Stevens asked if the increase was being passed onto the public service districts and he was told that it was an across the board increase. Councilman Starsick invited everyone to attend next Monday's hearing on Fairmont's rate increase. Starsick then made the motion to adopt Ordinance #392. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

In old business, Ordinance #391 which increases the sewerage rates was reconsidered. Smith made the motion to read the heading only. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Garcia read the heading. He also read a list of needs for the sewer plant and system. Councilman Smith said it looks like preventative maintenance is needed on the pumps and equipment. Smith made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #391. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Starsick voted no.

The Fire Department request to use \$5,000 of their funds to purchase a Rescue Tool Demo Set was approved in a motion by Starsick. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. Smith abstained.

Mannington Public Service District's request to add 260 additional customers was discussed. Starsick asked if the city had the capability to handle the new customers since two of those customers would be coal mines. Smith made the motion to approve Mannington

PSD's request provided the city has the capability to handle the additional customers. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was the decision on the date to begin accepting water from the City of Fairmont. Chief plant operator Ted Nice said everything is ready to go and the deadline, according to the Memo of Understanding, is between next Monday and Wednesday. Since the public hearing on Fairmont's water increase is set for Monday morning, it was agreed to have a special council meeting next Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the connection date.

Mayor Garcia asked for a motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss a pending legal matter. Smith made the motion to go into executive session. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:55 p.m.

The regular meeting reconvened at 8:25 p.m. Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Moore seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned.