

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2009

The second regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, December 21, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Jeff Michael, Harry Moore, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick and Rana Taylor.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read. Councilman Smith said in reference to the discussion about the water overflow in the last meeting, he wants a gauge installed at the garage showing the tank levels.

Under visitors, Sheena Hunt of Region Six was not able to attend but she submitted Pay Requisition #30 and Amendment #15 for approval. The Pay Requisition was for \$159,931.72 and included expenses for the City of Mannington and the City of Fairmont. The amendment transferred \$1050 from Fairmont's Contingency Account into their Other Account to cover the cost of their WV DEP NPDES permit. Starsick made the motion to approve Pay Requisition #30 and Amendment #15. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia read the Street/Water Department report.

Fluharty said that the City of Fairmont has agreed to adjust the city's water bill for the tank overflow that occurred last week.

Chief of Police David James gave his department's report for November in which he noted they received 134 calls for assistance.

In old business, the first item of business was the second reading of the donation to the Fire Department. Starsick made the motion to approve the \$500 to the Fire Department. Michael seconded the motion and it carried.

The other item of old business was the second reading of the authorization to purchase a new downtown light pole. Smith made the motion to approve the purchase of the light pole from Sternberg Lighting for approximately \$3,000. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

In new business, the first item of business was the first reading of Ordinance #393 which amends the Employee Handbook. Smith asked about putting in a provision to pay for one week vacation if the employee is not able to schedule it in the fiscal year. Fluharty said that may cause a problem when it comes to budgeting so Smith agreed to drop that provision. Taylor made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #393. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Moore made the motion to accept the conditions and authorize the mayor to sign the paperwork for the following grants from the Fiscal Year Community Participation Grant Program:

Streets & Sidewalk Cleaning Equipment	(Project #10LEDA0442)	\$3,500
Mannington Police Dept Equipment	(Project #10LEDA0441)	3,000
Mannington Park Board	(Project #10LEDA0076)	5,000
Mannington Main St/Improvements	(Project #10LEDA0639)	3,498

Mannington Landmark Commission/Clayton Add	(Project #10LEDA0638)	500
Mannington Community Center/Air Conditioning	(Project #10LEDA0637)	3,000
Mannington Community Bldg	(Project #10LEDA0075)	5,000

Michael seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia read the letter from Senators Kessler and Edgell announcing a grant for \$10,000 for the repairs and maintenance for the park and pool. He also distributed Mannington Main Street's annual financial statement.

The final item of business was a resolution to adopt the Marion County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Taylor made the motion to adopt the resolution. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Taylor made the motion to adjourn into executive session. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:28 p.m.

The regular meeting convened at 7:40 p.m.

Jeff Michael said he is still president of the Huey Playground Association and Debbie Renick is the treasurer but neither received the grant money that was mentioned in the minutes. Fluharty said that the city had applied for that money from the County Commission on behalf of the Association and the money was put into the city's account. The funds were to be used for a backstop, paving the basketball court and other maintenance items at the park. Fluharty said flyers were distributed throughout the neighborhood in 2007 and a new board was selected. Michael said he was not aware of any such meeting. Taylor asked if he would be willing to work with the new board since the aim is to provide a nice park for the kids. Michael agreed that the kids are the main concern.

The city's ownership of several vacant buildings was discussed. Michael asked why the city purchased the old Longstreth building. Taylor said the city has a better chance to tear down such buildings through programs like the Brownstone grants, etc.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:00 p.m.