

## COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2009

The first regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending 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.

Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering presented Changeorder #1 for \$14,145 for the chlorination building project. He said another changeorder is expected for the "guts" of the building. This will include a chlorine analyzer to show the chlorine level coming into the tank. Councilman Smith asked if the chlorine level could be read through the telemetry to be installed in the city garage. Watson said it could be arranged to set off an alarm in the garage when there is a problem with the levels. Councilman Moore asked about the reliability of the chlorine. Watson said he will check on all these questions before the next changeorder is presented. Moore made the motion to approve Changeorder #1. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Glen Satterfield and Lloyd White of the Marion County Rescue Squad were present to answer any questions about the Mannington station. Mayor Garcia said the biggest question concerns the coverage. Satterfield said there is coverage during the daytime Monday through Friday. When the EMT crew goes to Fairmont, the paramedic crew is in Mannington. He added that the EMT crew is on site during the evening shift but if there is a high workload in the county, the Mannington crew goes to Farmington. If the Mannington crew is out, the Fairmont crew is sent to Farmington. White said the budget from Mannington started at \$1,000 a month but is now down to \$333 and 24/7 coverage in Mannington is not feasible. Councilman Starsick asked about the time of response if the crew is not in Mannington. White said it is approximately 15-17 minutes. Terry McLain told White that he thought they did a great job and thanked them for their service. They were given a round of applause.

In department reports, the mayor read the Street/Water Department report in which it was noted that there was a water overflow at the Tank Hill site. Council questioned the reason for the overflow and whether there would be an adjustment on the city's bill from Fairmont. Starsick said it was a sorry system if there was not a way to tell when the tank was overflowing. Michael said a float is needed. Mayor Garcia said he would discuss it with Ted Nice tomorrow and have him call Fairmont's Dave Sago and the PSC.

Under old business, changing the mayor and council terms was discussed again. Fluharty presented options whereby the terms of office were split between four and two years or four and three years. Starsick and Taylor said they did not see the need to change the terms. Robin Smith said she was in favor of alternating the terms so there is not a complete turnover during an election and it provides continuity. Moore made the motion to change the terms to four and three years. It died for lack of a second.

In new business, Mayor Garcia said D & G Machine has agreed to remove the pump and platform at Huey Run and he recommended that the pump be given to them since D & G donated it to the city when it was installed. Smith made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation and donate the pump to D & G Machine. Moore seconded the motion and all approved.

The mayor recommended a \$500 donation to the Fire Department in appreciation for all that they do for the city. Starsick asked if the city could afford it and Garcia said he thought that they could. Moore made the motion to donate \$500 to the Fire Department from the Mead Fund. Michael seconded the motion and it carried. Smith abstained.

The next item on the agenda was a proposed amendment to the employee handbook to allow one week of vacation to be carried over to the next fiscal year. The five days must be used in the following fiscal year or they will be forfeited. Moore made the motion to approve the amendment and authorize an ordinance to be drawn up for the next meeting. Starsick seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty asked for permission to order a new downtown light pole since the money was received from Titan Transfer to replace the one they damaged. Moore made the motion to authorize the purchase of the pole for approximately \$3,000. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

A proclamation declaring December 11, 2009 as St Patrick Church Day in the City of Mannington in honor of their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary was approved in a motion by Smith. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.