

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2009

The second regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, July 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Jeff Michael, 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.

In the visitors' portion, Region Six's Sheena Hunt presented Pay Requisition #27 in the amount of \$76, 956.38 for the ongoing water project. Starsick made the motion to approve payment of Pay Requisition #27. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

Bill Hunter said the All-Class Reunion Committee would like to use Hough Park during the second weekend of July next year. Mayor Garcia said that would be addressed later in the meeting.

Ken Witt asked about the possibility of making High Street one way during the fair parade to alleviate traffic problems. The mayor will check on it.

Ronnie Powell said Virginia Avenue needs patched.

In department reports, the written Street & Water Department report was read by the mayor. Fluharty reported on problems at the trailhead restroom and said it should be reopened this week.

The first item under old business was the Memo of Understanding which addresses the transfer of grant money from Fairmont to Mannington to fund the construction of a chlorine building by Kenny Baker's property. Baker has given his approval of the plans as submitted to him by Thrasher Engineering. Starsick made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign the Memo of Understanding. Michael seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia said several people have volunteered to serve on the Fourth of July Committee including Terry Starsick, Alley Wolfe, Katy Stafford, Ralph Suter and himself plus the VFW has agreed to help. Garcia said he would like to pay for one or two people to attend the pyrotechnic classes sponsored by the state and then sign a contract with them for 4-5 years so that the city will have someone to do the fireworks for several years to come. Starsick said Smoke Higgins may be willing to do the fireworks. Smith made the motion to authorize payment of the fees for pyrotechnic training provided the trainee agrees to sign a multi-year contract with the city to do fireworks each year. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

In new business, the mayor asked for permission to have the city crew put roof preservation on the library's outdoor classroom. Smith made the motion to authorize the city crew to work on the outdoor classroom. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried.

Speed bumps have been requested for the following streets: Church, Grafton, Locust and Clarksburg. Bub Stout said a speed bump is not needed on Grafton Street and it was agreed that until the holes on Church Street are patched, a speed bump is not needed there either. Smith made the motion to put speed bumps on Locust and Clarksburg Streets by the Middle School. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Garcia said he attended the last park board meeting and all the members were present.

Hunter said the All Class Reunion has been changed to next year and they would like to use Hough Park during the second weekend in July. They will need the first two pavilions on Friday, July 9 and the entire park on Saturday, July 10. Mayor Garcia said that would be arranged with the Park Board.

General Fund Budget Revision #1 for the FY 2009-10 budget to adjust the unencumbered balance was presented for council's approval. Starsick made the motion to approve the budget revision as presented. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

A bid from Mountain State Tree Service in the amount of \$900 for the removal of the trees on Washington Street was reviewed. Starsick asked about other bids. Rexrode said the other two contractors that he contacted did not respond. Starsick then made the motion to accept Mountain State Tree Service's bid. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

After meeting with City Attorney Peter DeMasters and Account Zach Dobbins in a work session prior to tonight's meeting, council agreed to schedule the first reading of water and sewer rate ordinances at the next meeting.

Ron Powell asked about the proposed rental registration ordinance. Garcia said it was not on tonight's agenda but suggested landlords get together to review the ordinance and bring their recommendations to the city.

Since the fair parade is scheduled for August 3, the next regular council meeting has been moved to August 10.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.