

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009

The first regular November meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Bob Garcia presiding was held Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. 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.

Sheena Hunt of Region Six Planning & Development Council presented Budget Amendment #14 for the Fairmont/Mannington water project. The amendment included \$88,050 for engineering, \$ 5,000 for administrative costs and \$5,150 for CSX right of way. Moore made the motion to approve Amendment #14. Taylor seconded the motion and it carried. Hunt said there is \$172,546.83 remaining in the city's portion of the grant.

In department reports, Mayor Garcia read the Street & Water report. Chief of Police David James gave his department's October report and said they had received 173 calls for assistance. Fluharty reported that payment had been received from Titan Transfer for the downtown light pole that their truck damaged earlier this year.

Under old business, Garcia said that council needs to go back to the drawing board as far as staggering the council terms of office. He said there would be an election every year if the method agreed to at the last meeting is followed. He said the only alternative is to have some council terms for two years and some for three. Council agreed to table it at this time.

In new business, the US Department of Justice's technology grant for \$75,000 for the police department was reviewed. Taylor made the motion to approve the grant and its conditions. Moore seconded the motion and it carried.

Councilman Smith said he had a problem with the ex-mayor using city funds to have a tree by his house removed. Garcia said he would look into the matter.

Councilman Starsick said Officers Efaw and Wheeler did an excellent job in dealing with a recent problem in the Moose parking lot.

Councilman Moore said the Street/Water Department employees should not be riding in the backhoe bucket. He said not only is it a violation of OSHA regulations but it is also dangerous. Superintendent Rexrode said they would not do it anymore.

Moore made the motion to adjourn. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.