

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2009

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

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, Delegates Mike Caputo, Linda Longstreth and Tim Manchin presented the Governor's Community Participation Grant for Mannington Main Street in the amount of \$3,511 to George DelRosso, Main Street's representative. The grant funds the flower pots placed downtown and other improvements. Funding for the replacement of the twin bridges in the middle of town was also discussed and the delegates pledged their support. Longstreth reviewed the other 2010 requests including weapons for the police department, street & sidewalk cleaning equipment, Community Building restoration, funding for the Landmark Commission and Main Street.

Becka Efaw asked where the recycling bins were in Mannington. Mayor Garcia said they were removed when the property where they placed became filled with garbage and debris. An alternate site has not been found. Councilman Smith said Mannington Refuse is required to recycle. The mayor will check on it.

In department reports, Mayor Garcia read the Street & Water Department report.

The first item under old business was Jim Hayes' request that the municipal service charge be removed from two of his son's properties in Hough Addition. Mayor Garcia read Ordinance #363 which established the service charge and which states that the charge is to be assessed whether the building is occupied or not. The letter from Hayes' son was also reviewed in which he agreed to tear down one of the unoccupied houses. Starsick said Hayes did not live up to his end of the bargain since that house is still standing. Hayes said the county has reclassified both buildings as Class II but council said according to the ordinance, that makes no difference and the service charge will apply as long as the buildings still stand.

The charter amendment to stagger council terms was discussed. Michael said he would like to see the mayor and council at large be elected at different times so there is some continuity. Fluharty said she can check with other municipalities who have staggered their terms to see how it was handled. Starsick made the motion to table any decision until a work session is set to further discuss it. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. A work session was set prior to the next meeting.

New street light requests were reviewed. Starsick made the motion to approve the installation of new street lights on Adams and Railroad Streets. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Garcia explained that he received the lease agreement from CSX for the property at the end of Howard Street which was to be used to house the city's rock but it calls for an annual fee of \$500. He said Pyles Avenue will be used instead.

Starsick made the motion to okay a Clean-up Day on Saturday, October 17 and authorized the fees for two dumpsters. Michael seconded the motion and all approved. Rexrode said a water stub will be required from anyone bringing items to the dumpsters.

Councilman Moore's request that the west end of Beaty Avenue be made one way was tabled since he was not present.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.