

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 1, 2021

The first regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Councilmembers in attendance were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Several visitors were present. Gary Leeson asked about several property maintenance issues in his neighborhood. Code Enforcement Officer Brent Musgrove said he will be summoning one into court this month since they did not respond to his letter. Leeson asked about the diesel truck that runs all hours of the night in Homewood. He said as loud as it is, it cannot be legal.

Donna Butera said trash cans are needed for Market Street since there is only one by Baby B's now. Shadrick asked Main Street Director Lora Michael if that would be one of their projects and she said yes. He told Butera that she should attend the next Main Street meeting on March 8. Butera asked about putting the white lights back onto the downtown light poles but said she would address that at the Main Street meeting also.

Michael said Main Street is doing well and they are looking into the possibility of bike & kayak rentals. She said Susan Starkey has a meeting before the Board of Zoning Appeals later this month and that will clear the final hurdle to renting their building at the corner of Market & Water Streets. City Clerk Michele Fluharty asked her about the insurance for the police canine. Shadrick said that needs to be in place soon since the dog is scheduled to be in service by the end of the month. Michael said she thought Chief of Police Jim Rigsby was to contact Shinnston about their coverage. Rigsby said Shinnston's dog is covered on their liability insurance. Fluharty said the dog would not be on the City's insurance unless a separate policy is added.

Leeson asked about people putting no parking signs in front of their house. Shadrick told him there is no restrictions on parking. It is first come, first serve.

Fletcher said he spoke to Jay Rogers, Fairmont's former city manager, about helping with the City's Home Rule application and he is available. He also asked Shadrick if he had any response from Murray Energy after the meeting that was held with them last month. Shadrick said no but he will call them.

In New Business, the first reading of the FY 2021-22 General Fund, Fire Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets were first on the agenda. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of the budgets. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The city clerk said the outside agencies that want to apply for funding from next year's Mead Fund Budget are to submit their requests by March 12. Michael, on behalf of the Mannington Women's Club, asked for \$2,500 to help with the Farmer's Market this year.

The first reading of Ordinance #459 that approves the 2021 replacement pages to the codified ordinances was next. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Fluharty made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #459. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick said Smoker Friendly has a huge display of drug paraphernalia and he will not shop there. Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said he will look into the definitions of the items they are selling to see if there are any legal issues.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice listed the jobs they have completed recently. He said his guys were out yesterday and today to clean drains after the heavy rains. Nice also reported that the DOT representative called after receiving the City's letter expressing concern over the Round Barn Road slip and run-off onto Sycamore Road. The DOT is supposed to send someone to clean the road but Nice said that will not solve the problem.

Musgrove said he sent letters to the residents of 606 Meadow Avenue and 223 Meadow Avenue. He is checking into property on Valley Drive that has no water service. After having a hearing last month, the trailer at 300

Highland Street was removed. The owners of 306 Buffalo Street will be summoned to court this month for failure to respond to his notice.

Rigsby reported that catalytic converters are being stolen in town and advised people who see anyone around their vehicles to call the police.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

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