

COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 17, 2022

The second monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, October 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Kris Bates, John Craw, Ken Fletcher and Roger Russell.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were reviewed. Craw made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The only item of Old Business was the 2nd and final reading of Ordinance #475 that sets an auction for surplus city property. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Craw seconded the motion and all approved. Mayor Michael read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #475. Russell seconded the motion and it carried. The items being sold are:

- Boss V-Plow
- 1978 Mauldin Paver with Trailer
- 84" Snowplow
- Swensen Cinder Spreader
- Honda GX200 Trash Pump

The first item of New Business was the first reading of Ordinance #476 which amends the B&O Tax ordinance, per the City's Home Rule application. Bates made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Michael read the heading. Craw made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #476. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Kristi Pyles has asked for permission to set memorial benches in downtown Mannington. Michael said she told her she had concerns about loitering in front of the businesses. Council agreed that the benches can be placed downtown as long as the business requests one in writing and agrees to maintain the bench.

Michael said Heather Fluharty was covered on her husband's insurance policy until July 31, but she has been unable to get on the City's THP coverage now since the enrollment period has ended. She can be added to her husband's policy at his new place of employment at a cost of \$396.40 monthly so Michael would like the city to pick up that portion of their premium. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said that would save the city a considerable amount. Russell made the motion to reimburse Heather Fluharty \$396.40 monthly for her portion of their PEIA premium. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Street & Water Superintendent Ted Nice reported that the transmission in the 2010 Ford 150 truck needs replaced. He got estimates from three different vendors: NAPA \$2150, Advance Auto \$2082 and Melvin's \$2600. Nice said the Marion County Vo-Tech Center will install the transmission. Fletcher made the motion to okay the purchase of the re-manufactured transmission from Advance Auto. Russell seconded the motion and all approved.

Code Enforcement Office Randall Jaggie-Moore distributed a spreadsheet of the current and completed jobs he has been working on. As for the houses on the city's demolition list, he has completed the paperwork on five of them.

Nice said his guys finished the wall at Mark & Cara Starsick, fixed the ditch on Sunset Drive and paved where they dug and checked out the electrical issues in the police. He said they are looking for an electrician. Isaac Prunty was suggested, and Nice is to contact him.

Visitor Robin Smith asked if Mayor Michael had any response from the 911 Center about the complaints at the last council meeting from Sgt Don Sides' family. Michael said, according to Dennis Knotts, the deputy director of the 911 Center, after listening to the recorded calls, Sides was only placed on hold once and that was a non-emergency call. He is to review more calls and get back to her. Michael also asked for a recording of the call on the night of the incident at the 7-11.

Michael said she is working on the paperwork to purchase four properties from the State Auditor's Office. Once they are purchased, they will be a part of the DEP-funded Demolition Project. She said cities will be given first refusal on any land sales. This is being done to prevent limited liability companies from purchasing them and then not maintaining them. Michael said she is also trying to get deeds for the properties on the city's demolition list so that they can be sold after the demolition.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Craw made the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Craw made the motion to adjourn. Bates seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.