

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 3, 2021

The first regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. Council members present were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. C Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes as read. D Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Several visitors were present. Matthew Castleberry said he is applying for the part-time patrolman position. Donna Butera asked about the status of the DEP grant for the downtown trash cans. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said it has been submitted but won't be awarded until July. Ed Bosco asked about the results of the sewer system smoke testing. Shadrick said the testing is still ongoing.

Shadrick said he spoke to Richard Walton from Murray Energy and he said they had a meeting about the Dent's Run Dam project, and everything is on track. Denny Efaw asked about a timeframe and Shadrick said they hope to start on June 1. The city clerk asked if they contacted the DEP but Shadrick said he did not know.

Mountaineer Florist's proposal to fill the downtown flower baskets for \$1,717.50 was approved in a motion by Denny Efaw. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. It was the only complete quote received.

Under new business, quotes for tires for the Fire Department's tanker 9 were read. The following were received:

Michael's Tire	\$3,454.58
Eric's Garage	3,288.12
Glutfelty Tire	3,460.80

Shadrick said Michael's is the only one that pays city taxes. Denny Efaw made the motion to accept Michael's Tire since they pay b&o taxes. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

M Fluharty said a budget revision is necessary to cover the cost of the tires for the fire department. C Efaw made the motion to accept General Fund budget revision #5. D Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Compensation for the canine officer was the final item of new business. Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said it is a federal regulation that the officer must be compensated for his time caring for the dog. He recommended that he receive four hours per week, straight time. Rigsby added that it is to be retroactive to the time the officer was in training with the dog in Kentucky. C Efaw said the Marion County officer gets an extra 10 vacation days in lieu of more hours and asked if the city budget could afford the additional expense this year and next. Fluharty said she would be able to answer that once the hours are submitted and the cost calculated but if it is a federal law, the City would not have a choice. C Efaw made the motion to allocate an additional four hours, straight time, per week to the canine officer for the care of the dog. D Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

Code Enforcement Officer Brent Musgrove distributed a list of the code violations he has been working on the past month. He said he is not authorized to use the City's tow stickers because that comes under the police department's authority. Shadrick asked if the stickers were revised, could they tag cars and Musgrove said yes. A sample was emailed to the city clerk.

Rigsby reported that his department and several area departments were in training today and will finish tomorrow. He said in the recent Take Back Drugs Day, they took seven pounds of pills to the DEA. Officer Cameron Mitchell will report to the academy on May 25 and it has been shorted to 10 weeks this year. Rigsby also expressed reservations about proposed state requirements for new police officers that include a polygraph and a psych test.

Superintendent Ted Nice gave his monthly report. Vandevender Contracting will begin paving Pottery Street on Tuesday & Wednesday this week. He also asked Rigsby if charges have been filed against the guy who sicced the dog on the two city employees. Shadrick said he will be brought into court.

Fluharty reported that the audit report for FY 2019-20 has been received. A copy of the auditor's opinion letter was distributed to the mayor and council.

Shadrick reported that keyless entries have been installed at the city garage and the two city buildings.

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

D Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.