COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2024

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7:00 pm at city hall. Council members attending were Kris Bates, Anthony Fluharty, Tim Fluharty, Taylor Garrison and Robin Smith.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Bates made the motion to approve the minutes. Tim Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Randy Watson from the Thrasher Group was present with paperwork for Ryan Manley concerning the water line for his housing development off Flaggy Meadow Road. Since Manley was not present, Watson said he would talk to Superintendent Ted Nice and Councilmember Anthony Fluharty about the project after the meeting.

The only item under Old Business was equipment for the new cruiser. Chief of Police Donnie Wheeler received three quotes:

Fubar Enterprises $ 7,506.51

Fubar Enterprises 8,452.71

Brooks Public Safety 15,262.96

Since $5,000 was approved at the last council meeting, Bates made the motion to approve an additional $4,000 from contingency to get the cruiser fully equipped. Anthony Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

The terms of Sally Kolb and Sally Martin on the Planning Commission expire this month and Michael submitted their names for reappointment. Smith made the motion to reappoint Kolb and Martin to another 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Garrison seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Michael said there is a vacancy on the Board of Zoning Appeals that was created when Robin Smith was elected to council, and she recommended Roger Russell to fill that vacancy. Tim Fluharty made the motion to appoint Russell to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. His term will expire on January 1, 2025.

The Mannington Lake Association has requested that the balance remaining in the Dam account be transferred to them for the improvements and upkeep of Mannington Lake (formerly the Dent’s Run Dam). Bates made the motion to transfer the $23,000 to the Mannington Lake Association. Garrison seconded the motion and all approved. Association President Bill Michael reported that the DNR will be stocking the lake with trout during the months of January, February, March and April. The Association is also working on plans for a walkway midway down the side of the lake for easier access. The DNR will also be putting in a kiosk and no parking signs along the dam.

In department reports, Nice said Mike Williams and Scott Jarvis have begun work on the mandated lead and copper findings and they will be going to every house in town. He said they are getting estimates on paving for next year’s budget, the sanitary survey by the State Health Department was completed and all was good, hydrant testing is now the city’s responsibility due to new state regulations, and five storm drains need replaced.

Mayor Michael gave the code enforcement report since Christina Shreve was unable to attend.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty reported that the second sales tax payment was $60,073.36 and that was substantially higher than the one for the 1st quarter. She said if it continues at this pace, the budget estimate will be on target.

Mayor Michael announced that the city received a Community Block Grant for the demolition of the Malone building on Market Street. She applied for the next round of the EPA DLAP Grant for more demolitions throughout town. Lastly, she said the bid opening for the Burt Hill Tank Project will be held tomorrow at 2:00 pm in the council chambers.

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

Bates made the motion to adjourn. Tim Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.