

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 15, 2021

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

The first item of business was the swearing in of the City's new police canine, Valor. Robin Smith, one of the co-chairs of the Mannington BAD Committee, said they were officially turning Valor over to the City. They will continue to fund him over the next three years. She presented a Memo of Understanding between the City of Mannington and Mannington Bark Against Drugs, Inc. Fletcher made the motion to approve the Memo of Understanding and to authorize the mayor to sign it on behalf of the City. D Efaw seconded the motion and all approved. Valor was then sworn in by City Clerk Michele Fluharty. Mayor Shadrick commended Officer Don Sides for his work in completing the training with Valor. Mannington Florist has pledged to provide one bag of dog food a month and Pet Central will be providing all shots, etc. County Commissioner Randy Elliott expressed his appreciation to the committee on a job well done and congratulated the City on the addition to the police department. Smith thanked Elliott who she said was the first person to contribute to the campaign and, as county commissioner, approved the final funding to get their goal of \$20,000 reached. Shadrick said a demo of Valor in action is planned for the Wintergarden Park later in the spring.

Mike Angelucci of the Marion County Rescue Squad gave a rundown of the activities of the Mannington Squad and said he would like to keep the line of communication open with Mannington. He hopes to visit every six months. Angelucci said they are trying to keep more patients in Marion County instead of transferring them to Harrison or Mon County. The Mannington station is planning to hold an open house, post-COVID, to do clinics.

John Hanne, representing the West Augusta Historical Society, submitted their budget request for FY 2021-22.

In Old Business, the first item on the agenda was the 2nd and final reading of the FY 2021-22 General Fund, Fire Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets. C Efaw made the motion to adopt the budgets, as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The final reading of Ordinance #459 which approves the code book update was next. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. C Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #459. D Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, Shadrick read a letter from Mannington Matters asking for permission to put white led lights on the lamp posts on Market Street. The lights will be removed upon request of Main Street should they have an activity or decorative holiday plan and will automatically be removed prior to Oktoberfest. C Elliott asked Lora Michael if Main Street had any plans for the poles. Michael said they are ordering flags but there is no timeline for putting them on the poles. D Efaw made the motion to grant permission to Mannington Matters to put lights on the downtown poles. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Superintendent Ted Nice gave his report. He asked council to look over the list of the streets that need paved so that a priority list can be set.

Fluharty reported that her office has issued licenses for three new businesses this month. They include a pharmacy, a caterer and a restaurant. She also noted that filing for the City election is ongoing and will end on March 23.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. C Efaw made the motion to approve payment of the bills. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

D Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.