

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 17, 2018

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular and special meetings. Shadrick made the motion to approve the minutes. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Taylor read Whitney Metz's letter of resignation from the police department.

Several visitors were present. Gary Leeson said Clarksburg has passed a "drug house" ordinance and suggested Mannington should do the same. Fletcher said the City should wait to see what happens with Clarksburg's ordinance and if it's legality is challenged.

Elizabeth Shenal thanked the City for the dead-end signs on Stony Drive and Harvest Drive in Homewood. Shadrick said he checked on Shenal's street light request after the last meeting and there is already a light very close to where she asked for another one to be installed. He said that he doubted Mon Power would put two so close together.

Janina Fetty asked about the cleanup of two houses on Bluff Street that were recently destroyed by fire. Mayor Taylor said Columba Nwoko razed the house last weekend and he gave him thirty days to clean up the property. Fetty said the debris is blowing all over the neighborhood. As for the other house, Taylor said the City cannot find the owner. Efaw asked how the City could get control of the property. Someone suggested eminent domain, but Charlie Reese said it must be for the good of the public, not just to tear it down. Fletcher said the code enforcement officer should rule it an eminent danger and post the property.

Speeding on High Street was discussed again.

Reese, a candidate for the Marion County Commission, cited his list of accomplishments and his list of priorities, if elected.

In department reports, Chief of Police David James said they issued thirty citations, made one arrest and received 89 calls for assistance during March.

Superintendent Ted Nice reported on the work schedule the last two weeks. One of those jobs included working on the slide in Sycamore. He suggested a letter be written to the DOH in Charleston advising them of the slide which is being caused by the DOH's drain on Mockler Road. Nice then addressed the plans by Murray Energy to lower the spillway on the Dent's Run Day. He said Council should meet with Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering after he reviews the plans to see whether he thinks there are alternate solutions. In addition, Nice said Murray should pay for the water that the City will lose if the spillway is changed. He said the City charged EQT and TransEnergy.

The first item of business was the public hearing on the levy rates for the FY 2018-19 budget. There were no comments. Fletcher made the motion to approve the levy rates as presented. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said the City is looking for design ideas for the old Wintergarden property and encouraged people to submit them. Efaw said Randy Watson has two designs and he was to be at tonight's meeting.

Kolb made the motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution declaring April as Fair Housing Month. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. A copy of the resolution is attached to these minutes.

The decision on the Dent's Run Dam spillway was the next item of business. The consensus of Council was that they would like Randy Watson to attend the next meeting to discuss the project. Kolb said he would also like to see Murray Energy pay for the water that will be lost if the spillway is lowered.

Ordinance #434 which abandons an unused portion of Laurel Drive was read by Mayor Taylor. Fletcher made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #434. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

Ordinance #435 which would implement a license for retail liquor sales was read for the first time. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #435. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw made the motion to approve the annual service agreement with Hach for the chlorination equipment. Shadrick seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Taylor recommended Aaron Barnette, who works for the Marion County Sheriff's Department, as a part time police officer. Fletcher made the motion to hire Barnette on a part time basis. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

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

In her report, Fluharty said the FY 2018-19 budget was approved by the State Auditor's office. In addition, she said her office recently sent out approximately 70 delinquent business & occupation notices. To date, she has received \$17,600 in delinquent taxes.

Kolb made the motion to adjourn. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.