

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 20, 2018

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, August 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by City Clerk Michele Fluharty and they stood approved as read.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Fire Chief Jim Moran apologized for the way the recent siren purchase was handled. He said it should have been approved by Council before the installation began. Moran said he did talk to the city clerk to be sure there was adequate funding before purchasing it. He said the new one was necessary since the old siren was damaged in the 2017 flood. The siren has been installed and they are waiting on Mon Power to install the 3-phase connection. The siren can be set off with radios or through dispatch. In the event power is lost and the siren cannot be used, fire trucks will be driven around town blowing their sirens to warn people of any pending flood or similar emergency. Murray Energy donated \$1,000 toward the siren project and the Fire Department plans to order magnets with the siren protocol printed on them to distribute in town. Moran said if any additional money is available, his department will rebuild the old gauge on the TKMI building.

Gary "Beanie" Leeson asked for more patrolling in town especially in Homewood. Chief of Police David James said the log sheets indicate the location of each officer during his/her shift.

Dalton Gum asked if any decision had been made about the ATV/UTV issue. Shadrick asked Chief James for his opinion. James said a survey was conducted several years ago by the Planning Commission and the results showed a clear majority of citizens did not want them in town. He said he believes that would be true today too. In addition, he said the machines are marked not for highway use and he would be concerned about the City's liability if they are allowed in town and someone is injured as a result. Moran said if the ATV/UTV is not street legal, it should not be on the road. Kolb said more discussion will follow.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice listed their work detail during the last two weeks. He said the street sweeper is being run two mornings a week and 1,000 to 2,000 lbs of dirt is being picked up. He also noted that the slip repair on Northgate Drive has been completed and they assisted the people cleaning out Buffalo Creek.

Chief James gave his July report during which they issued 25 citations and he received 79 calls for assistance. Dispatch did not have the report on the total calls received. Kolb asked when Tristan Evans would be going to the academy and James said the next class will begin in January.

In Old Business, Kolb reported that the Wintergarden Park Project was denied for funding by the Bowers Trust. However, he contacted the Mannington Industrial Corporation and plans to do a presentation for them in the hopes they will help with the funding. Kolb also reported that there has been no response from Ken Conner concerning the City's offer for his property at the corner of Clarksburg and Water Streets.

A resolution in support of the highway from Enterprise to Eldora was distributed to Council. Kolb said if any of the council members wished to support the project, they should sign the resolution.

The first item under New Business was the contract with Bennett & Dobbins for the annual PSC report. Williams made the motion to approve the contract with Bennett & Dobbins for \$1600. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The deed for the Gump property in Metz that the Fire Department would like to purchase for \$10,000 was discussed. Moran said the property would be used to improve the access to their existing building. He said now it is dangerous getting into and out of the substation. Shadrick made the motion to approve the deed and the purchase of the property. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Moran said the Fire Department will cover all the costs.

The last item on the agenda was the siren purchase. Fluharty said council needed to officially okay the purchase so that there is a paper trail for the auditors. Fletcher made the motion to approve the purchase of the siren from Sirens For Cities for \$ 18,067.07. Shadrick seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Shadrick made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.