

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 5, 2018

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Kenneth Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

In Department Reports, Chief of Police David James gave the February report and noted they issued thirteen citations, made three arrests and received 216 calls for assistance. Superintendent Ted Nice listed the jobs his crew have completed in the last two weeks. Nice also reported on a recent meeting with Murray Energy and the WV DEP concerning Murray's plans to lower the spillway on the Dent's Run Dam to eliminate the recent flooding caused by their mining under the dam. Nice read a letter expressing his concern over Murray's plans suggesting the City should consider other alternatives. Nice also asked to be replaced as one of the people responsible for the City's dam inspection reports that are submitted to the DEP each month. Taylor said his request would be considered.

In New Business, the opening in the police department created when Frank Wright left last month was the first item of business. James said he was recommending Whitney Metz for that position. Shadrick made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss the applicants. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:20 p.m. Shadrick made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:34 p.m. At this point, Mayor Taylor said he was also recommending Metz for the full-time patrolman position. Fletcher made the motion to appoint Metz subject to a six-month probation. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Advertising for a part time officer was discussed. James said he would check into running the ad in an email that is sent to police departments statewide. Fletcher also suggested Indeed for running the ad.

Taylor asked for authorization to hold the Spring Clean-Up Day on April 21 in conjunction with Make It Shine Day. Shadrick made the motion to hold Spring

Clean Up Day on April 21 and to authorize two dumpsters from Mannington Refuse for the day. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Stanley Starsick's quote to repair the ceiling in Main Street's office on the second floor of the annex was reviewed. Taylor said they did an excellent job on the ceiling in the old council chambers in the annex and he asked for this quote to continue the job. Shadrick made the motion to accept Starsick's quote for \$1800. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said that due to a decrease in the loan interest rate, there is a surplus in the Fire Department's capital outlay account with enough money to pay off the 2009 brush truck. She said the pay-off amount is \$8120.71. Fletcher made the motion to pay off the 2009 brush truck at West Union Bank. Shadrick seconded the motion and all approved.

The next item of business was the FY 2018-19 budgets. Fletcher made the motion to approve the first reading of the General Fund, Fire Fund, Coal Severance Fund, Water Fund and Mead Fund budgets for FY 2018-19. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Ben Kolb's appointment as the City's rep on the West Augusta Historical Society Board was approved in a motion by Williams, seconded by Fletcher and approved by all.

An Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and the Marion County Commission for floodplain management services was the final item on the agenda. Shadrick made the motion to approve the agreement and to authorize the mayor to sign it. Williams seconded the motion and all approved. Taylor said Councilman At Large Charlie Kolb has agreed to serve as the City's floodplain manager.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The report by Thrasher Engineering on the Hardesty Bridge was distributed to council.

Shadrick asked Nice to look at Sam Wilson's driveway on Grafton Street. Shadrick then apologized for his outburst at the last meeting and said he would not

be resigning. He said the softball schedule was reviewed and he hopes to be able to attend meetings that are held on game nights.

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