

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 19, 2018

The second regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by City Clerk Michele Fluharty. Shadrick asked that the minutes be amended to say that he hoped to attend meetings that are held on game nights, not practice nights. The minutes were then approved as amended.

In the visitors' section, Ryan Manley presented his annexation request. He distributed copies of the plat of his proposed housing development in Homewood Addition. Most of the development is in the city limits and he would like the boundary adjusted to include the whole area. Shadrick made the motion to authorize the city attorney to begin the annexation process. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

Elizabeth Shenal asked for a street light at the end of Harvest Drive. She said they plan to put up their own lights, but she feels a street light is needed so that drivers can see that the street is a dead end. Taylor said people have been waiting on street lights for 1 ½ years but that is not a priority for Mon Power. Shadrick made the motion to approve a street light at the end of Harvest Drive to get the process started. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Reese Cup Bates said he and Kris were there to support City Council and to see what could be done about some of the burnt-out houses in town. Taylor said next year's budget includes \$25,000 for demolition and they hope to raze one or two houses. Fluharty said she checked on the DEP's Litter Control Grant and it includes funds for demolition. The City can receive up to \$5,000. She said the City would need to select two properties and get a right of entry agreement with the owner before they can proceed with the grant application. Bates said he works at the landfill and he will see if the City could possibly get a rate reduction for dumping during the demolition. Taylor said that would be a great help.

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton reported that he conducted two business inspections, issued ten building permits and put out twenty door knockers

during March. He said Nwoko Columba gave him a demolition schedule for his property on Bluff Street and it is to begin in April. As for the Gifford property on Meadow Avenue, Horton said the owner plans to evict the current tenants as of March 30 and will begin cleaning up the property immediately. Shadrick said the smell from that stovepipe is suspect and Williams told him to call the DEP the next time he smells it.

In Old Business, the second and final reading of the FY 2018-19 budgets were the only item of business. Fletcher made the motion to approve the General Fund, Fire Fund, Coal Severance Fund, Water Fund and Mead Fund budgets for FY 2018-19. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Taylor said the April 2nd council meeting will be cancelled since there will not be a quorum present.

Fluharty reported that the 2016-17 audit has been completed and the report is available in her office for anyone who would like to review it. She also distributed the list of streets that Ted Nice has earmarked to be paved and he would like council to review it to see if they would like to add any streets. Efaw said he did not think the road behind Shop n Save should be paved when there are many throughout the town that sorely need it. He said it could be graveled instead. Shadrick agreed. Jefferson Street and Valley Drive were added to the list.

Bates asked about the speeding on High Street and Taylor said the police have been monitoring that area. He also asked the reason for the permit on Water Street since many of those large trucks are now traveling High Street to avoid the fee. Taylor explained that the fee was put in place after Water Street was paved so that it could be properly maintained in the future since the tri-axels were doing the most damage. Jennifer Leer also said there is a lot of speeding on Buffalo Street from 2:30 to 3:00 every afternoon and asked that the police monitor that area also.

Kolb made the motion to adjourn. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.