

## COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 7, 2018

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Charlie Kolb, Ken Fletcher and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting. Fletcher asked that the word "should" be changed to "could" regarding the posting of the property on Adams Street. The minutes then stood approved as amended.

The first item on the agenda was the Dent's Run Dam spillway. Council met in an earlier work session with Randy Watson and Jeff Gola of Thrasher Engineering to discuss the project as proposed by Murray Energy. Kolb said he was disappointed that Murray did not offer any compensation for the City's loss of water and that Murray's engineering firm, Blue Mountain, did not provide alternatives. Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Murray Energy asking for compensation. Taylor then asked for a motion to authorize the lowering of the spillway. The motion died on the floor.

Watson presented a proposal for a park on the old Wintergarden site. Taylor said the City did not own the property where the Colonial Building was located so Watson suggested it be acquired through eminent domain. The city attorney will be contacted. The plan showed a gazebo in the center of the lot, but Watson said it could be changed to a small amphitheater instead which could be used during Oktoberfest or Christmas. Other changes included the addition of a 200-amp electrical service, lighting and a fence/gate along Water Street. Watson is to make those changes and submit the new plan. He will also check to see if part of Donnie White's property was included in the plans. It was agreed that this project should be submitted to the Bowers Trust for funding this year.

Robin Smith thanked the City for getting the property by her house cleaned up.

Reid Martin expressed concern about speeding on Park Drive. Mayor Taylor said he would direct the police department to sit in that area to deter the speeding.

Budd Sapp, a candidate for the Marion County Commission, said he was interested in helping all the municipalities and would appreciate support in Tuesday's election.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave an outline of the jobs they have working on in recent weeks and noted that he had three guys in school this week for water distribution training. He also said if the City is going to demolish some properties in town that he could schedule Eddie Price to run the excavator to help keep expenses down. They would just need to get a couple men to clean up as he tore down.

In Old Business, Ordinance #434 which would abandon an unused portion of Laurel Drive in Homewood was the first item on the agenda. Kolb made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved. Taylor read the heading. Fletcher then made the motion to adopt Ordinance #434. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of business was a public hearing on Ordinance #435 which provides for a retail liquor license fee. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. There was no public comment. Kolb made the motion to adopt Ordinance #435. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Quotes for a pole building to be used for storage at the old water plant site were provided by Nice. He said instead of purchasing a pole building, they will be getting the materials and supplies so that they could build it themselves. Those prices were: Home Depot \$4200 and Marsh Lumber \$3929. However, Nice said if he purchased items from both locations, the price was \$3775. Kolb said there is place at Belington that has the cheapest prices. Fletcher made the motion to

okay the purchase of the materials for the pole building. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The statement showing the amount of reimbursement due from Justin Wheeler for his training expenses was reviewed. Williams made the motion to authorize a letter be sent to Wheeler asking for his reimbursement for \$827.65 either in full or by payments. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Sapp said that the plans are for a police academy to be located at Fairmont State University in the near future. Nothing is finalized yet.

Kolb asked about the downtown cameras since they were not working earlier today. Taylor said the record button had been turned off and they were working now.

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

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