

## COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 21, 2018

The second monthly May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Council at Large Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Other council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read. Kolb did note that lighting was to be included in the proposal for the park on the former Wintergarden lot. Fluharty reported that Justin Wheeler paid the reimbursement of his training expenses in full today.

Visitor Sally Kolb said they had several problems at Hough Park including parking behind the gymnasium. She said the Board of Education is responsible for the lot, but the parking spaces need to be changed so that it is easier to understand and so that residents in Hough Addition can get around the park. She said that violators need to be ticketed who are blocking the roadway. Kolb will contact Superintendent Gary Price to set up a meeting to discuss the parking situation. In addition, she said smoking is not allowed in the park now but some of the neighbors are complaining about people putting cigarette butts in their yards. She asked for the police to issue littering tickets.

Kolb read Mayor James Taylor's letter of resignation which was effective today.

In department reports, Ted Nice detailed work they have completed since the last meeting and said they are waiting on asphalt to be available before starting to pave streets. Shadrick reported two street signs missing in Homewood.

According to City Attorney Pete DeMasters, the first step in securing the property at the corner of Water & Clarksburg Street is getting the property appraised.

C Kolb read the police department's April report. They issued fifteen citations and received 186 calls for assistance.

In Old Business, the only item of business was the Dent's Run Dam spillway decision. Fletcher said he spoke to the City of Fairmont's attorney and he did not feel the City had a case for damages. Efaw said he thought the City should take the

offer or we may be liable for damages. Williams agreed that it may be best to take their offer of improvements to the Dent's Run Dam. Shadrick said the City needed legal representation because Murray has not agreed to all the items that Council asked for regarding the dam. He said Council must be smart about this decision. Visitor Elizabeth Shenal said Murray made promises, in church, to her church but did not live up to those promises. She urged the City to retain an attorney. Nice said sink holes have shown up on the spillway and he has contacted Thrasher Engineering's Jeff Gold and the DNR's Delbert Shriver. Both promised to look at the holes. Fluharty said DeMasters has given her the name of two attorneys who would talk to the City about this situation. Kolb asked Council if they wanted him to contact an attorney. Shadrick made the motion to authorize Kolb to contact an attorney for a consultation. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb said he would keep Council updated.

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

Efaw asked about the process to fill the vacancy in the mayor's office. Fluharty said the council-at-large fills in for 30 days or until Council appoints a new mayor.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.