

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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

A moment of silence was held for the miners lost in the #9 Mine Disaster. This week was the 50th anniversary of that tragedy.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last council meeting. Fletcher asked that the minutes be amended to say that he would like the code enforcement officer to declare the house at 405 Adams Street in danger of falling over *if he feels it is a danger*. The minutes then stood approved as amended.

Several visitors were present. Concern was expressed about the quality of water since a second violation letter was recently sent to customers. Kolb said Superintendent Ted Nice was at the last meeting to explain that letter and he will be at the next meeting if they wish to attend. A resident of Mod's Run questioned why Officer Sides was held at the mouth of that Run when he had someone trying to get into his house. Chief of Police David James said that is the County's jurisdiction and, in all likelihood, they asked Sides to wait until they were on scene.

In department reports, James said he gave his report at the last meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said he is retired, and he tries to get as much done as possible in the twenty-four hours a month that he is in Mannington. The spreadsheet detailing his work during the last 45 days was reviewed by Council. Horton advised Council that a right of entry from the Circuit Court is necessary before the City can demolish the 405 Adams Street property. He also reported that McDonald's has applied for a building permit for a \$650,000 remodel job on their restaurant in Mannington. The Gonzales property on Buffalo Street has been transferred to JD DeVaul who plans to demolish it. Fletcher asked about 720 Burt Street. Horton said Ronald Scott, the owner, needs brought into court again. Dylan Worthy asked about the car behind 210 Howard Street. James said they would tag the car but Worthy said he doesn't know how they can get the car out. Fluharty said she has received additional quotes on the employees' health insurance and she, along with Mayor Kolb, met with the insurance broker. She said the best option looks to be through the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce. It will be on the next agenda.

In Old Business, the Wintergarden Park was discussed. Kolb said he was made aware of a grant program through Walgreen's, but it is not open until January 2019. He said that may be another source of funding for that Park. Kolb also said he spoke to Ken Conner about the old Colonial Building property and he said the \$2,000 offer was not acceptable. He plans to come to Mannington soon to meet with Kolb.

Kolb asked if Council wanted to proceed with making the renovations at Dent's Run Dam so that fishing can begin. Shadrick suggested a volunteer day. James said the Boy Scouts should be contacted to see if they would like to take that as a project. It was also mentioned that the Vo-Tech Center may do the benches.

In New Business, Ordinance #438 was the first item of business. The ordinance will mirror the State Code as it pertains to ATV/UTVs. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Shadrick made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #438. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The year-end stipend was discussed. Williams made the motion to approve a \$350 stipend for all the employees. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The sergeant position in the police department was the next item on the agenda. Kolb asked for an executive session to discuss the promotion. Shadrick made the motion to go into executive session. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:45 p.m. Efaw made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:00 p.m. Kolb recommended Don Sides for the sergeant position. Shadrick made the motion to accept Kolb's recommendation and appoint Sides as sergeant. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Sides will be under a 6-month probation.

Kolb recommended that Denny Williams be reappointed to the Mannington Sanitary Board. Shadrick made the motion to reappoint Williams to another 3-year term on the Sanitary Board. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Shadrick made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.