

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 8, 2019

The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, April 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by City Clerk Michele Fluharty and stood approved as read.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Randall Kocsis representing the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State said he is trying to enhance the participation from North Marion High School. He said twenty-one boys have applied this year, so they need funding. The cost to send one boy is \$250. He asked council to consider sponsoring one or more boys. Shadrick made the motion to fund four boys at a cost of \$1,000 from the Mead Fund. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved. Kocsis said volunteers to help with the city government aspect of Boys State are welcome.

Gary Leeson said cameras are needed in his area of Homewood because nothing is being done there by the police department. Mayor Kolb is to check with Chief James and Code Enforcement Officer Horton about the problem areas in Homewood.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave his report on their work detail and said they replumbed the Mockler Hill pump station. Fluharty said she has been approached by several organizations about applying for funding for next year's budget. Council agreed to ask outside agencies to come to the April 16 meeting to present their funding requests. Kolb read the report from the code enforcement officer.

In Old Business, Kolb said he, Shadrick and Nelson Elliott met with Denny Strickland from Murray Energy concerning the Dent's Run Dam. He said it was a very constructive meeting. Strickland has agreed to put in a floating dock, widen the parking area and install a new valve. Council said they would like him to submit the agreement in writing.

Kolb also read a thank you letter from Marge Hiltner for the demolition of the house on Adams Street.

Consideration of the options for a water rate increase that were developed by Zach Dobbins of Bennett & Dobbins were the first item of New Business. Efaw made the motion to proceed with the 16% water rate increase. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Thrasher Engineering's service agreement for the Wintergarden Park was the next item of business. Fletcher made the motion to approve the agreement with Thrasher Engineering for \$22,500. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The funds will come from the grant monies. Fletcher thanked Williams and Fluharty for their help in preparing the grant application for the Wintergarden Park.

Ordinance #441 which adopts the revised building code standards was introduced. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #441. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

The application for the REAP Litter Control Grant was reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign the application. Shadrick seconded the motion and all approved.

Shadrick said he would like to see something done about the ATVs and dirt bikes running around town. Fletcher asked Kocsis, who works for the DNR, to explain the state law as it pertains to such vehicles. Kocsis said the State Legislature recently changed some of the regulations, i.e., a driver's license is no longer required to operate ATV/UTV machines, you can drive on the right side of the road if traveling less than 25 mph and it is a divided highway; if the operator is under 18 years of age they must wear a DOT-approved helmet and only one rider is allowed on a standard machine. He said the DNR does not pursue violators, but he does follow them. If they stop, he gives them a copy of the regulations.

The outstanding bills were the last item on the agenda. Shadrick made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting will stand adjourned until the levy meeting on Tuesday, April 16, 2019.

