

## COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2019

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held October 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

Mayor Shadrick said the Fall Clean-Up Day will be held at the former site of Northern Sales by Price Cutter.

Several visitors were present including Anthony Fluharty who asked if the City purchased any of the properties that the County auctioned off last week. Shadrick said three for \$90 were purchased. A resident from Burt Hill said he is concerned about the drugs in town, the bad roads and houses that need condemned. Shadrick said strides are being made but it takes time.

Chapter officers from the North Marion Deca Club asked the City to sponsor one of their members for upcoming competitions. They said the cost is \$300 to \$500 per person. They left a sponsor letter. Council will review the budget and decide at a later date.

Planning Commission Chairman Ken Witt presented two zoning amendments being recommended by the Commission. If approved by council, they will be incorporated into Ordinances #445 & #446. These amendments will allow residential housing in formerly intended for non-residential structures and will allow business locations, as conditional uses, in R1 and HR1 Districts. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinances #445 & #446. Shadrick read the heading of both ordinances. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #445 and #446. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved. Witt said there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

Erica Williams, representing the Mannington Christmas Committee, said there seems to be a conflict with Mannington Main Street over the Christmas decorations for downtown and she asked for a mediator. Shadrick said he would meet with a representative from each organization next Wednesday to try to find a solution.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said they found an excavator for \$24,800 at Bridgeport Equipment & Tool in Gallipolis, Ohio. The price includes a thumb that will be installed. Fluharty made the motion to authorize the purchase of the excavator from Bridgeport Equipment & Tool for \$24,800. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief of Police Brian Stewart said they issued 15 citations and made 12 arrests last month. He also asked council to hire Jeremy Parsons, a certified officer, as a part time officer. Fletcher made the motion to hire Parsons as a part time police officer. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Efaw commended Stewart for his off-duty activities in Mannington.

Fletcher asked if there was any word from Murray Energy about the Dent's Run Dam or from Thrasher about the Wintergarden Project. Shadrick said he signed paperwork today for the modifications to the Dam, but he has heard nothing from Murray about the items that the City asked to be included in the project. As for the Wintergarden Project, there has been no word from Thrasher Engineering.

In New Business, the city hall ramp repairs were discussed. Fletcher made the motion to approve the ramp repairs with the understanding that the repairs will be done in-house. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The budgeted amount is \$6000.

Shadrick said a camera is needed for the interrogation room in the police department. Fletcher made the motion to purchase a camera for the interrogation room pending approval of the proposal from United Sound & Electronics. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

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

The city clerk asked if council wanted an age limit on Trick or Treating. She said it has been 12 years old and under in previous years. Council agreed to keep it the same with the stipulation that special needs children over that age can participate. Fluharty also distributed financial statements for FY 2018-19 and said if council had any questions, just let her know.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

