

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 2, 2019

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrack presiding, was held Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

Visitor Gary Leeson said his water bill jumped up 2,000 gallons this month and he believes it is inaccurate. He wants to be there when they read it each month to be sure it is right. Fluharty said the meters are being read this week so Leeson's reading will be checked when the reader brings them into the office.

Chief of Police Brian Stewart said his department issued 17 citations and made 14 arrests in November. He said since the Ford Explorer was recently wrecked, he is looking for a replacement and found some fully equipped, used Explorers at Chicago Motors in Chicago. Stewart is to check with One Beacon Insurance to see if they will reimburse the City for any equipment damaged in the wreck and any manhours spent stripping the car.

In Old Business, the first item on the agenda was the public hearing and second/final reading of Ordinance #448. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrack read the heading. There were no public comments. Chris Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #448 which amends and supplements City Code Article 529.03 which reclassifies a violation in said Article as a felony. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said she checked the state code and it states that the City can appoint the city clerk as the fill-in for the municipal court judge. She is to contact the city attorney to draw up an ordinance amending the City's charter as it pertains to the municipal court judge.

Randy Watson from The Thrasher Group presented the revised map showing the proposed annexation area in the lower end of Mannington. Discussion arose as to whether or not to include the residences in that area and it was decided to

include everything to the Sunshine Bridge. A public hearing was set for 6:00 p.m. on December 16 in the council chambers.

Watson said the Wintergarden Park project will be bid next month due to a death in the family of an employee working on the project.

In New Business, the following quotes for the demolition of the Washington Street property were received:

Manley Made	\$24,250
Reclaim	20,000
Randall Kelley	15,900

Denny Efaw made the motion to award the contract to Randall Kelley provided his background checks out. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

The first reading of the ordinance authorizing the refunding of the series 1992 and series 1995 water bonds and the refinancing thereof was the next item of business. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #449. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Elliott made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #449. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Denny Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick commended the Event Committee on the Christmas parade. He said it went well and the downtown looked very nice.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.