

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 22, 2019

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charlie Kolb presiding was held Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrack and Becky Williams.

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

Several visitors were present including Jerry Reel from Baby B's BBQ and Café who distributed a letter about the Smokin' On The Buffalo BBQ Brawl slated for June 14-15, 2019 at the Mannington Fairgrounds. He asked for support from the City, monetary and otherwise. They are expecting 5,000 attendees at this year's event. His request was tabled until the next meeting so that the budget can be reviewed.

Bill Hunter said the ditch on the left-hand side of Chestnut Street in Grandview is plugged up and needs ditched. He said the water overflowing from the ditch recently froze and made the street very slippery. Superintendent Ted Nice said they would take care of it.

Dave Holbert said there is a spring coming from the side of the hill by his house in Sycamore and the road is very slick in the winter. Nice said they would place a call to 811 so that they can put in a ditch to divert the water. Nice added that it takes four hours to plow/cinder the whole town so by the time they are finished, some of the hills and streets need treated again.

Beanie Leeson said more police patrols are needed in Homewood to curtail the 4-wheelers running everywhere.

In department reports, Nice detailed the work they completed in the last two weeks. He also noted that the City has received another HAA5 violation and notifications will be sent out to all customers next week. He said on the bright side, the City's December readings were the best that they have ever been. Fairmont has made corrections to their treatment and that may have contributed to the good readings. We must wait for the next quarter's readings. Chief of Police David James gave the December report. They made four arrests, issued eleven tickets and received 106 calls for assistance.

Fluharty said she received a call from a property owner whose property recently burnt, and he questioned why he was still receiving a bill for the municipal service charge. She read the section of the ordinance that said the charge is issued

whether occupied or not but made no mention of damaged property. She said past practice was the charge remained until the property is torn down, but she asked Council for a decision. Since the property owner is in the process of razing the property, it was agreed to waive the msc charge for December and January. Fluharty added that most of the printing problems have been corrected but the police department still does not have internet in their office. She said IT Mindshare submitted a \$400 proposal to determine the remaining problems and correct them.

Mayor Kolb reported that Nwoko Columba came into the office this week and he and Anthony Horton talked informally to him about his property on Bluff Street. Columba has hired someone to clean it up, but they will keep an eye on him to be sure it is completed.

In Old Business, the first item on the agenda was the annexation of the lower end of town to the Sunshine Bridge. Kolb said there is more to the process than was originally thought. Prior to submitting it to the County Commission, the City must pass an ordinance approving the annexation and have a map drawn up of the designated area with boundaries, etc. Elliott made the motion to authorize Thrasher Engineering to prepare the necessary mapping, etc for the annexation. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, the following bids were received for the demolition of 405 Adams Street: Camron Excavating \$17,000; Manley Made \$9,500; G E Excavating \$7,000. Efaw made the motion to accept G E Excavating's bid of \$7,000. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb will notify the winning bidder.

The first reading of Ordinance #440 to set an auction for the Sanitary Board's surplus equipment was next. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #440. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to approve payment of the outstanding bills as the money is available. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

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