## **COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 15, 2019**

The second regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding was held Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending 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 stood approved.

Several visitors were present. Jamie Tustin asked why the gate on First Street in Hough Addition was put back up. Shadrick said council agreed to leave the gate up until the City hears back from the State DOH about opening First Street onto Hough Street. He also said he would like to get the Park Board, the Fair Board and the City together for a meeting to discuss the fence, the gate, the playground, etc.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said he is still waiting to hear from the State DOT and his department is getting ready to finish widening Poolside Drive in Hough Addition. He said once it is widened, he will get with the chief of police and the fire chief about parking on Hough Street. Discussion then followed about the fence along First Street in Hough Street. Perry Thorne said the Fair Board purchased fencing/gate that they will put up to replace the fence that was removed. Park Board Members Carol McGinty and Patty Ruetter said that will save the Park Board money since they were planning to put up a new fence eventually. Nice said this gives everyone eleven months to come up with a permanent solution.

Anthony Horton's code enforcement report was reviewed.

The first item of old business was the paving quotes for Rose Street. Nice said there was approximately \$20,000 left over in the Mead Fund, as of June 30, for paving and he had quotes from C W Stickley and North Central Paving to pave Rose Street from the Rite Aid to the top of the hill by Powell's. Fletcher made the motion to approve Stickley's quote for paving Rose Street. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

Fletcher asked if there was any response from Murray's Denny Strickland and Shadrick said no.

In New Business, Perry Thorne said the Fair Board will donate the fence to the Park Board and will put it up. Tustin said the bushes and trees will cause the same problem with the new fence. Denny Efaw asked if the City could use their backhoe to remove those bushes and trees and Nice said yes. Shadrick asked council if they agree with installing the new fence and all agreed. Shadrick said he would like to set up a meeting later to discuss campers on the playground during fair week.

Ordinance #444 (ATV/UTVs) was the first item of New Business. After reviewing the ordinance, several changes were suggested regarding the fines and golf carts. Denny Efaw made the motion to remove golf carts from the list of prohibited vehicles. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Fletcher then made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #444. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to approve the first reading, as amended. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

Ryan Jolliffe has submitted his resignation from the police department effective July 26, 2019. Shadrick recommended Phillip Stewart be promoted to that full-time position. Fletcher made the motion to accept Shadrick's recommendation and promote Stewart effective upon Jolliffe's last day. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #1 for FY 2019-20 was reviewed. Fluharty said it was the first time she could remember the City's unencumbered balance being short of projections. As a result, several budget adjustments need to be made include removing \$15,000 from the Street Department's equipment account and reducing the Contingency funds. Elliott made the motion to approve the General Fund Budget Revision as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty said Brian Stewart has asked the City to pick up the cost of his insurance instead of adding him to the City's THP policy. Fluharty said it would be a savings to the City. Fletcher made the motion to pay for Stewart's insurance in lieu of adding him to THP. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick reported that the Marion County Commission has donated a mobile radio and a portable radio to the City for use in the new cruiser. He also said the 911 Center is holding an open house on Wednesday if any of the council would like to attend.

The City was awarded \$60,000 from the WV Cultural Facilities program for the Wintergarden Park and they have forwarded a grant agreement for council's approval. Fletcher made the motion to authorize the mayor to sign the grant agreement. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Since the next regular meeting is scheduled for the night of the fair parade, Shadrick said he would like to move it up a week to July 29. Fletcher made the motion to hold the next regular meeting on July 29. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Anthony Fluharty said the DNR would like to partner with the City to put in a kayak launch by the proposed Wintergarden Park. He has the contact information for David Wilman if the City is interested. He also suggested setting up a foundation to fund cleanup and maintenance of the launch area. The unused artificial turf at the soccer field on Route 250 was discussed. Anthony Fluharty said that may be available to use at the Wintergarden Park which would reduce the cost of that project. Elliott said the Soccer Association could be contacted about the turf.

Anthony Fluharty asked council for permission to grass over the sidewalk that runs by Something Special along Pyles Avenue. He said the large trucks have damaged it. Council agreed to let him grass over the sidewalk.

Norman Anderson came it at this point and asked that Windy Hill and Sunset Drive be paved.

Shadrick asked for an executive session to discuss personnel. Fletcher made the motion to go into executive session. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:55 p.m.

Fletcher made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:05 p.m.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Denny Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as listed. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty made the motion to adjourn. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.