

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 29, 2019

The first regular August meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, July 29, 2019 due to the fair parade scheduled for August 5. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

Several visitors were present. Lora Michael asked that Augusta Avenue be patched.

Randy Elliott said he was there in support of the Mannington Park Board's efforts to get more monetary support from the Fair Board. According to Elliott, a letter was sent from the Park Board to the Fair Board asking for 50% of the rental income during the week of the fair from any city-owned buildings. He said there is nothing in the agreement between the two Boards permitting rental of City property during fair week. Elliott said he would like to see the Fair Board share the wealth with the Park Board and pay for any overtime by the Mannington Police Department. Fair Board President Perry Thorne said they have been lucky to break even the last couple of years. Fair Board Secretary Eva Yoho read a list of organizations that they donate to every year. Shadrick said he would like to see everyone get along and work things out. Yoho said the contract between the Boards is set to be renegotiated in November and asked why this discussion could not wait until then. It was agreed that the Fair Board, Park Board and the City should meet before the current agreement expires to work out the issues discussed tonight.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work since the last council meeting. He said the City of Fairmont tested the Downs PSD meter. Nice is still trying to get paving quotes on several of the streets in town that need paved. Mayor Shadrick commended the Street Department on the widening and paving of Poolside Drive in Hough Addition.

Fluharty reported that the water rate increase was approved by the Public Service Commission and the raise will go into effect on the September bills. She

also said the City was awarded money from the Bowers Grant for the Wintergarden Park Project and they will find out how much on August 9. Since Mayor Shadrick will be out of town, Councilman at Large Elliott said he would pick up the check.

Chief of Police Brian Stewart passed around a sample of the sticker that will be sold to the ATV/UTV users next month.

In Old Business, the paving quotes were tabled until Nice can get more proposals.

The public hearing on Ordinance #444 was the next item of business. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading and then asked for any public comments. Thorne asked if a new permit is required if an ATV is stolen. Stewart said if they provide a police report showing verification that it was stolen; a new permit will be issued. Stewart reiterated that anyone riding an ATV/UTV on a lined road, must do so on the shoulder at 25 mph or less and for no longer than 10 miles. Elliott then made the motion to adopt Ordinance #444. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it was approved. Stewart said he will give out the regulations when a sticker is purchased. Shadrick said he is having banners made up to post at the city limits advising everyone that a permit is required as of September 1, 2019.

Shadrick reported that he spoke to Denny Strickland from Murray Energy who said the paperwork has been submitted to WV Dams and Waterways and they are waiting on the permit approval. The items the city wanted included in the project were submitted also.

In New Business, Shadrick asked for authorization to purchase the equipment needed for the Dodge Ram cruiser. Fletcher made the motion to authorize up to \$2,000 for the cruiser equipment. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Vacancies on the Park Board were the next item of business. Fluharty said Sam Stillings' term of office is set to expire on July 31, 2019 and Patty Reutter's term expired in 2017. She said that Tim Fluharty has expressed interest in serving on the Board which is permitted by Ordinance 285. Reutter, who was present, said she did not want reappointed. Carol McGinty, another Park Board member, asked why they were not told that the appointments were on the agenda. Fluharty said

the agenda is posted outside and she had previously spoken to Sally Kolb about council filling Jamie Tustin's seat. Elliott made the motion to reappoint Stillings for another 6-year term and to appoint Fluharty to a term that will expire at the end of his council term. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Council told Fluharty to advertise the remaining Park Board position.

Bennett and Dobbins proposal to do the Water Department's annual PSC report was the final item of New Business. Fletcher made the motion to approve Bennett & Dobbins' proposal for \$1950. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Denny Efaw made the motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

A work session was set for 6:00 p.m. before the August 19th meeting with reps from the DNR and Thrasher Engineering to discuss a kayak launch at the site of the proposed Wintergarden Park.

A drawing for three bicycles donated by Sgt Don Sides was held. The winners were Kim Postlethwait, Christina Kincaid and Matthew Carpenter.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.