

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 3, 2019

The first regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

Several visitors were present. Bill Hunter said the city guys did an excellent job cleaning out the Chestnut Street ditch in Grandview. A resident of Howard Street said the grass at 208 Howard Street is very high and asked what the City planned to do about it. Fluharty said she reported it to Code Enforcement Office Anthony Horton today. Tom Roupe and two other residents of Jericho Addition said East Third and Fourth Streets are flooded whenever there is a heavy rain. Superintendent Ted Nice said he would look at the situation tomorrow.

County Commissioner Randy Elliott reported on the recent improvements to Bowers Park. He said it has been a joint project with the Mannington Elks, the Marion County Commission, MCPARC and the Mannington Park Board. He said rubber pellets have been put around the playground equipment, a new seesaw was installed plus the basketball court was completed. He said future plans include a fence around the basketball court and they are looking into the idea of bathrooms.

Elliott then presented a plaque to retiring Chief of Police David James from the Marion County Commission in recognition of his 42 years of service to the City of Mannington.

In department reports, Nice listed the completed jobs by his crew which included hanging the new flower baskets downtown and on the trailhead. Nice said he is contacting area paving companies to get estimates for paving some of the city streets so that council can compare the cost of his department doing the work and contracting a company.

Chief James gave the May report for the police department. He said they issued eight citations, had no arrests and received 136 calls for assistance.

Fluharty said they processed 74 early voters this year and reminded everyone to vote in tomorrow's election.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was a proposal to mow the face of the Dent's Run Dam. Nice said that area of the dam is very wet and they are having problems mowing it. He contacted Vincent's Brush Hogging and he said they could do it for \$500 to \$600 per mow. Nice said he would need to be done four times a year. The city would continue to mow the bottom portion of the spillway to help keep the cost down. Elliott made the motion to hire Vincent's Brush Hogging to mow the face of the dam. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The next item of business was First Street in Hough Addition. Phyllis Hearn said she wants it to remain as is which is closed for 6 months and open for 6 months. She said council agreed to this compromise 30 years ago and it has worked out good since then. She said when it was open year round, there was traffic through the alley all hours of the day and night. Hearn said lots of kids ride bikes and walk through there and she is afraid they will get hurt because of the speed of the traffic. Plus since the fence was removed from the playground, kids are cutting through the yards. Park Board President Sally Kolb said the fence was in bad shape and that is why it was removed. She said they plan to replace it with black chain link fence and shrubs. The Park Board would like First Street open because it is a safety issue. She said when the park is busy and ballgames are going on, the traffic can be a real problem. She said if an emergency occurs, they could access the park through First Street. Bill Hunter said when his dad was mayor, the plan was to widen Poolside Drive to make the access out of the park much easier. He said the City did widen the lower end of Poolside but the upper end is the most narrow and if that job was completed it would eliminate the traffic problems. Jennifer Barker said if traffic is allowed to come out of First Street, it will cause traffic problems on Park Drive because people will be coming into the park while others are leaving. Mayor Kolb asked for a motion to either leave it as is or to open First Street. Elliott made the motion to table the matter. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was the patrolman position. Shadrick made the motion to go into executive session to discuss the applicants. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:40 p.m.

Efaw made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:50 p.m. Williams seconded the motion and all approved. There was nothing to report.

Fletcher then made the motion to adjourn into executive session to discuss police personnel. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Chief James was asked to join the meeting. The time was 7:51 p.m.

Efaw made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.

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

Kolb said the ATV/UTV ordinance will be put on the next meeting's agenda and asked everyone to review Fairview's ordinance before that meeting.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.