

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 17, 2019

The second regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular and two special meetings. They all stood approved. Kolb asked Superintendent Ted Nice if the contractor has mowed the dam. Nice said yes and he did an excellent job.

Several visitors were present. Andy Kolb said he was in favor of the removal of the gate on First Street in Hough Addition and questioned why it took so long to reach a decision on that matter but Council hired a new chief of police in just one meeting. Jamie Toland was present concerning First Street also. Ron Powell said two pine trees on Maple Avenue need removed. Nice will look at them this week. Donna Butera thanked Becky Williams for her years of service on city council.

In department reports, Nice said he has been studying the First Street issue and discussing it with other people. He recommended that the street be opened through to the Hough Street Bridge and said that would eliminate any congestion on Park Drive. He said a portion of the sidewalk by the bridge would need to be removed to allow for access. This would also make off-street parking behind the residences on Park Drive an option. Widening Poolside Drive would also help the park traffic and help with the residents' parking situation on that street. Concerning the fence by the playground, Nice said he considered that city property and he thought the City should have had a say in its removal and disposal. Nice said he also spoke to members of the Fair Board who said they were not consulted about the fence removal. The Fair Board will now need to put up their own fence during the fair to keep people from walking in without paying.

Kolb said he appointed Jim Rigsby as a part time patrolman.

The first item of old business was First Street in Hough Addition. Sally Kolb, park board president, said it is so much easier to get out of the park with First Street open in the event of an emergency especially with the parking situation behind the gym. Nice said the city guys will paint the lines in the lot behind the

gym to improve the parking situation there and to make it easier for cars to drive around the park. Heather Fluharty suggested that additional parking spaces be made on the playground area. Williams made the motion to approve the opening of First Street through to Hough Street. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Phyllis Hearn asked if the gate will remain closed until the street is opened up. Nice said it will be closed until council tells him to open it. Elliott said he would still like to see Poolside Drive widened on the upper end.

The ATV/UTV ordinance from Fairview was the next item on the agenda. Efaw said he would like to see the City's ordinance be more definitive. Fletcher suggested a work session to discuss changes to the City's ordinance. A work session was set for 6:00 p.m. on July 1.

Fletcher asked if there was any word from Murray Energy concerning the Dent's Run Dam. Kolb said he would call them tomorrow.

In new business, Fluharty said that there are two openings on the Board of Zoning Appeals since Orie Ellen Sterling has moved out of town and Tim Fluharty was elected to City Council.

Two options from Comcast to provide cyber protection/web filtering and 4G LTE wireless backup connection and 8-hours of battery backup were recommended by Fluharty. She said the cost would be \$70 a month. Fletcher made the motion to approve the Security Edge and Connection Pro options from Comcast. Williams seconded the motion and all approved.

The code enforcement officer's report was reviewed. Fletcher asked that he check on garbage on Baltimore Street.

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

Elliott thanked Williams and Kolb for their service to the city and said he had enjoyed working with both of them. That sentiment was shared by the rest of the council members.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.