

COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 6, 2019

The first regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, May 6, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the previous regular and special meetings and they stood approved as read.

Kolb reported that the chief of police position has been advertised and the deadline is May 30.

Jamie Tustin representing the Mannington Park Board said they would like First Street in Hough Addition to be open year-round. Fluharty said there was a prior agreement, approved by council, to open the alley for six months and close it for six months. Kolb said the request would be taken under advisement for the next meeting. He asked Becky Williams, the council rep for that area, to talk to the property owners who abut that street. Tustin also said the Board would like to amend their by-laws to expand the membership from the City of Mannington to Mannington District. Fluharty said that stipulation is in both the City Charter and the WV State Code.

Kolb thanked the Upper Buffalo Watershed Association for their recent stocking in Buffalo Creek.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work during the last several weeks which included paving and breaking up the concrete on Citizen's Square. He said the slide on Sycamore Road is starting again and he has contacted the DOH. In her report, Fluharty said the FY 2017-18 audit has been completed and the report was received today.

The first item on the agenda was the final reading and public hearing on Ordinance #441 which updates the building code. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. There was no public comment. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #441. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The second reading of Ordinance #442 which updates the City code book was the first item of Old Business. Williams made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved. Kolb read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #442. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb said this is done once a year to add any ordinances that have been adopted or laws that have been changed.

In New Business, the first item was the first reading of Ordinance #443 which increases the water rates. Williams made the motion to read the heading only. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The public hearing will be held during the next meeting.

The police department schedule was discussed. Kolb said he will have Sgt Sides look it over to see if some of the overtime can be reduced. Kolb said he could talk to the sheriff to see if any of his people would like to work part time for the City. It was agreed to advertise on Indeed for a full time and a part time officer.

Council reviewed Thrasher Engineering's plans for the Wintergarden Park. Discussion followed about the absence of a kayak launch which Council would like to see included. Efaw made the motion to approve the plans with the notation that the kayak launch was not included in the plans. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The code enforcement officer's report was reviewed. Elliott said he was not contacted about his aunt's property.

Shadrick asked for an executive session to discuss police personnel. Kolb said he would need a motion. Shadrick made the motion to go into executive session. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:40 p.m.

With nothing to report from the executive session, Efaw made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:00 p.m. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Shadrick made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

