

COUNCIL MEETING OF MONDAY, MAY 20, 2019

The second regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charles Kolb presiding was held Monday, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the previous meeting and they stood approved as read. Mayor Kolb noted that Sgt Don Sides re-did the police department schedule, and everyone is getting the same amount of overtime now.

Jamie Tustin, representing the Mannington Park Board, was present to see if any decision was made regarding First Street in Hough Addition. Councilwoman Becky Williams said she talked to the only two property owners who were home and they were split 50/50. It will be put on the next agenda.

Brian Stewart suggested the City send their advertisements for the police positions to Charles A Sadler, the WV LEPS Program Director, who can send word to all the police departments in WV. He gave his email address to Fluharty.

Donna Butera said she is considering withdrawing her request for funding from the City but would appreciate it if they could help Mannington Matters' on an as-needed basis. She said they are helping people with needs that they cannot afford by themselves.

In Department Reports, Sgt Sides came into the meeting, at this point, to give the police report. He said they have received 111 calls this month. Fluharty said early voting is beginning on Wednesday, May 22 and will continue until Saturday, June 1 in her office.

A public hearing on Ordinance #443 which provides for a water rate increase was the next item on the agenda. There were no public comments, but Tim Fluharty asked for a copy of the ordinance. Shadrick made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #443. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #443. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. The ordinance will become effective 45 days after its adoption.

In old business, the status of the Dent's Run Dam project and the annexation of the lower end of town was discussed. Kolb said he spoke to Denny Strickland from Murray Energy and they have applied to the DNR for the permits to change the spillway. As for the annexation, Kolb said Wolfe & Associates is doing a survey of the area as required for the application process.

As for the applications being taken for the various police positions, Fletcher said he thought council should begin sorting through them and scheduling interviews. Fluharty said Mayor Kolb must recuse himself from the chief's search due to a conflict of interest. It was agreed that Councilman at Large Nelson Elliott would be handling that search. Fletcher said everyone should write down questions to be asked in the interviews and bring to the next meeting. Fluharty will contact Elliott to see when he wants to schedule a meeting to review the

applications. Since the deadline for the full time and part time patrolman positions was today, Kolb will begin looking at those applications this week.

In New Business, the first item was the quotes for new roofs on city hall and the garage. The three received were:

Funks Construction	\$17,100
R&R Services LLC	23,200
Stanley Starsick	22,000

Shadrick made the motion to accept Funk Construction's proposal for \$17,100. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #3 was reviewed. Williams made the motion to approve the revision as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Stacy Hays' term on the Planning Commission has expired and Kolb recommended her reappointment. Fletcher made the motion to reappoint Hays to another 3-year term. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The budget requests from outside agencies/organizations were reviewed. Those submitting requests were Fairmont Chamber Music Society, Mannington Fire Department (Gun Bash), Mannington Matters, North Marion Boys Baseball, and Vietnam Veterans (Robert Clark Chapter 1055). Fluharty said the Vietnam Veterans were already included in next year's budget. Efaw made the motion to appropriate \$500 each to Fairmont Chamber Music Society, the Mannington Fire Department, Mannington Matters and North Marion Boys Baseball in the FY 2019-20 Mead Fund budget. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick said he would like to amend the ATV/UTV ordinance that was recently passed to provide for a registration fee and to add stipulations that all riders must have insurance and a driver's license. He said the fee should cover the cost of the license and/or stickers that would be issued by the city. Plus, he said it should be stressed that no dirt bikes are allowed. Councilman Efaw said he was in favor of such stipulations. Stewart was asked how Fairmont deals with ATV/UTVs and he said they are not allowed but Fairview does have an ordinance that provides for registration. He will send a copy to the city clerk for council to review.

In council's folders, Superintendent Ted Nice put a list of roads that need to be paved and would like them to review and decide the order of priority. Kolb asked everyone to drive over the roads so they could determine which need attention first.

Chief of Police David James' letter stating that he could not attend tonight's meeting and asking that any discussion about his retirement be postponed was discussed. Efaw said James

has done a stellar job as chief and he has no intention of pushing him out of the position, but the city does need to move on in its search for a new chief.

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton's report since the last meeting was reviewed. Fletcher asked why 720 Burt Street was not on the report. Kolb said the owner is working on the property and he granted him a 2-week extension.

Shadrick said he removed the Mustang at the corner of Route 250 and Market Street when he was called by dispatch. He said documentation of ownership must be provided before he will release it but there will be no charge for storage.

The outstanding bills were the final item of business. Efaw made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

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