

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 18, 2019

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read by City Clerk Michele Ann Fluharty and stood approved as read.

Councilman Elliott commended Chief of Police Brian Stewart for being in the Veterans' Day parade in Fairmont and for his nice gesture at the end of the parade.

Mayor Shadrick advised council that the Ford Explorer cruiser was in a pursuit which resulted in an accident. The insurance adjuster was contacted.

In department reports, Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter said he has been sending out many notices this month but plans to curtail his hours during the winter months. He will still come up on the weekends and will be available whenever needed. Carpenter said he did a visual inspection of the Washington Street property and believes it is a hazard. Reclaim has submitted quotes to raze the structure as follows:

On the ground only \$14,250

On the ground and an asbestos inspection \$20,000

On the ground, asbestos inspection, hauled away and seeded \$23,250

A decision on this property will be on the next agenda. Anthony Fluharty said he would help with the separation of the structure by his property on Buffalo Street to help with the cost of that demo. Shadrick asked him to think about agreeing to razing his property also.

In New Business, the first reading of Ordinance #448 which amends the City Code as it pertains to reclassifying certain drug violations was the first item. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved. Shadrick read the heading. Elliott made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #448. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

The city clerk reported that Zack Dobbins, the accountant with Bennett & Dobbins who recently filed the City's PSC report, contacted her to say that he believes the City can save a substantial amount of money by refinancing the water bonds. He said the first step would be to retain Steptoe & Johnson to contact BB&T for a formal quote. Fletcher made the motion to retain Steptoe & Johnson. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #3 which allocates the Mannington Women's Club donation for police department equipment was reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to approve the General Fund revision as presented. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

The municipal judge position was the final item of New Business. Fluharty said she recently attended a class in Charleston so that she could fill in for the mayor if he were absent or had a conflict of interest. However, when the charter was reviewed, it said the council at large should be the one to fill in. Council asked that she check with the city attorney to see if it must be the council at large or if they can appoint her.

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

Chris Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.