

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 20, 2018

The second regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

Several visitors were present. Beverly Jones, past president of the West Augusta Historical Society, said she spoke to Ben Kolb and he has agreed to serve as the City's representative. His appointment will be on the next meeting's agenda. Jones also distributed copies of the minutes and by-laws from the Board's last meeting. She asked some of the council members to attend future meetings. She said they have a special meeting on March 5 at 5:30 p.m. and their regular meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month.

Gary Fluharty asked what the City's plans are for the flooding at Dent's Run. Mayor Taylor said Murray Energy will continue to pump until tomorrow. The dam level will be lowered nineteen feet. They are looking for a long-term solution, but the valve has been open for a month. Fluharty said it should have been open sooner because his mother can't go home now because her furnace was ruined by the water getting into her house.

Sally Kolb asked when the fire siren was going to be put back into service. Taylor said the Fire Department wrote a grant, but he was not sure about the details. He suggested Kolb attend a Fire Department meeting but, in the meantime, he will talk to Chief Moran. Kolb also reported that five or more community service workers will be coming to get Hough Park ready to open this year.

Janina Fetty asked for an update on the burnt-out properties by her house. Anthony Horton, Code Enforcement Officer, said Nwoko Columba is scheduled to tear down his house on Bluff Street by the end of March. He said if the demolition does not happen, Columba will be summoned to municipal court. Fetty said the police should accompany Horton on his property inspections. Horton said if he feels he needs the police, they are usually willing to go with him. Denny Efaw said a demolition program is another reason to go to Home Rule. Fletcher said he is still

trying to get Jay Rogers to come to a work session to explain the Home Rule process. Taylor said changes to Home Rule are before the legislators now.

Horton gave his monthly report. He said he conducted an inspection of a new business, Miller's Hardware, that opened this month plus he issued a demolition notice to Mario's due to a recent fire. Horton has also been contacted by the new owners of the Bowers house. They plan to rehab the property.

Samuel Elliott's proposal for a new website for the City was reviewed. Fluharty said it would include a new site plus pictures will be changed periodically and there will be updates to keep the website current. Kolb made the motion to accept Elliott's proposal for \$1191. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Councilman Shadrick said he is asking for a leave of absence because he will probably miss four or five meetings due to his coaching duties at North Marion. Mayor Taylor said he would need to check the City Charter because that leaves his precinct without representation. Fluharty said the Charter states if you miss three consecutive meetings then you must be removed from office, but she could contact the City Attorney for clarification. Shadrick said he would resign then. Taylor said his best advice to him is to not miss three meetings in a row. At this point, Shadrick said he was resigning and left the meeting.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.