

COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2019

The second regular October meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding was held Monday, October 21, 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 Fluharty and stood approved as read. As requested at the last meeting, Mayor Shadrick reported that he met with a representative from Mannington Main Street and the Mannington Christmas Committee, along with an outside mediator, to work out any problems between the two. He said it went very well. Shadrick also noted that he has appointed the members of the Christmas Committee as the Mannington Event Committee. On another matter, Chief of Police Brian Stewart found a spare camera in his office so the quote from United Sound & Electronics to install a camera in the interrogation room should be substantially reduced. The city clerk will notify them.

Lora Michael, president of the Mannington Women's Club, asked for permission to use Traders' Alley for a farmers' market on Saturdays between the hours of 8 a.m. and noon, beginning next spring. She said they would like to close off both ends of the alley during those hours and hopes that those attending will visit other businesses downtown. The Women's Club has event insurance and they will get the necessary food permits from the Marion County Health Department. Randy Elliott suggested she check with the people who run the Fairmont Farmers' Market to get the contact information about the vendors who sell there. Elliott made the motion to grant the Mannington Women's Club permission to use Traders' Alley for a Farmers' Market. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Michael also reported that Chief Stewart and Mayor Shadrick attended a recent Women's Club meeting and at her request, Stewart gave her a wish list of items his department needed. At their meeting this week, she plans to ask the club members to approve \$2200 for flashlights, bullet-proof vests, entry tools, etc for the police department. At their next meeting, Michael also plans to suggest a fund raiser to get enough money to buy a shield that was on Stewart's wish list and if approved, she would like to use city hall for that fund raiser. Fletcher made the motion to

approve the use of the council chambers, if necessary, for the Women's Club fund raiser. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

In department reports, Code Enforcement Office Shane Carpenter distributed his activity report for September. Councilman Fluharty said people are constantly going in and out of 102 Howard Street. Carpenter said he can put a condemned sign on the house or caution tape around it then have the City board it up.

In Old Business, the Marion County DECA Club's request for funding was discussed. Fletcher made the motion to donate \$300 to the DECA Club. D Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance #445 was the next item on the agenda. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved. Shadrick read the heading and then asked for any public comment. None was received. C Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #445. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance #446 was up for consideration next. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved. Shadrick read the heading. He asked for any public comment and none was received. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #446. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Randy Elliott said the County Commission has allotted \$500 to Mannington Main Street for Christmas activities and asked if they would help the Christmas Committee. Shadrick said he did not know.

Fletcher asked about the grant deadline for the Wintergarden Project and Fluharty said she would check to be sure they were not running close. He also said he would like to see the City move forward with the Home Rule application and with getting demolition estimates on the three properties the City recently purchased at auction. Shadrick said he would contact Reclaim and Denny Efaw suggested Ryan Manley be contacted also.

The first item of New Business was Ordinance #447 which establishes a capias fee of \$125. C Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. D Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. D Efaw made the

motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #447. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Stewart said he had contacted the Officer Store through Witmer Public Safety Group about trading in the current guns being used by his department. The new guns would be Glock Model 17 Gen5. The cost to trade-in five guns would be \$400. D Efaw made the motion to authorize the gun trade-in at the cost of \$400. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved. Stewart said he is going to offer his officers a chance to purchase their duty weapon.

An employee stipend was discussed next. Fletcher asked if the money was available and Fluharty said \$350 per employee was budgeted. C Efaw said he would like to make it more but didn't know if the City had the money. Fluharty said she would need to check the budget. Fletcher made the motion to approve a \$350 stipend for all city employees. D Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick asked for an executive session to discuss a legal matter concerning personnel. C Efaw made the motion to go into executive session. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:50 p.m.

Elliott made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:55 p.m.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. D Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

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