

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2019

The second regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding was held Monday, September 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

Visitors attending included Vickie Starsick who asked about her request for a street light on Monroe Street. Shadrick said he spoke to Fire Chief Jim Moran but he did not have a definite timeline for putting a light back up on the Fire Department. The mayor is to get the pole number so the city clerk can submit the City's request for a new light to MonPower.

In an effort to eliminate the water-run-off, Dalton Gum said if the City would dig up and move the sewer line on Viewmont Drive, he would buy the new pipe. Superintendent Ted Nice said he spoke to Tim Bosley who oversees the sewer plant operations and he thought that was a viable option. The city clerk said this was discussed at the Sanitary Board meeting this month and Bosley did not recommend any action on their part due to the instability of road above. Nice said he would talk to Bosley again.

Nice gave his department report in which he noted that E Solutions was called in to work on several electrical problems at city hall and downtown. He said his men mowed the park twice and it took three men, two hours. Nice presented two quotes for paving three streets from C W Stickley and North Central Paving. Denny Efaw made the motion to accept Stickley's quote for \$45,762.00. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The streets to be paved are Rose, Windy Hill and East First Street.

Chief of Police Brian Stewart reported that he has issued 61 ATV permits. Stewart said he is recommending Jim Rigsby be promoted to full time patrolman and Wesley Wheeler and Brandon Clyde be hired as part time officers. Clyde is the canine officer with the sheriff's department and Sheriff Riffle said the City may need to help with the cost of the dog. Phillip Stewart is scheduled to go to the academy in January and Chief Stewart said another part time officer will be needed to cover that shift. Elliott made the motion to hire Jim Rigsby as a full time officer effective immediately. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Fletcher then made the motion to hire Wheeler and Clyde as part time officers. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved. Chris Efaw made the motion to authorize another part time officer pending a background check. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick commended Stewart for getting the Zerk Program up and running.

Shadrick read a letter from the DOH that was in response to the City's request that Pottery Street be turned over to the City. They advised the City that all abutting property owners must sign a petition approving the action. Councilman Chris Efaw will take the petition to those property owners.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was Halloween. Fletcher made the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 and 7:30 pm. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

The Fall Clean Up Day was then discussed. Fletcher made the motion to hold Clean Up Day on October 12. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved. Mayor Shadrick will talk to Ernie Michael to see where the dumpsters will be located since Mannington Refuse has moved back to Virginia Avenue.

Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter presented a list of properties to be sold on the courthouse steps on October 3, 2019 and asked if the City would be interested in purchasing any of them. Fletcher said the City can always back out after purchasing them if it is later determined that they would be too expensive to raze or rehabilitate. It was agreed to have Carpenter/Fletcher bid on the Buffalo Street, Washington Street and Cemetery Street properties. Denny Efaw made the motion to authorize the purchase of those three properties provided the bid does not exceed \$100 on any of the properties. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick read a letter from Nice asking for the okay to swap offices with Carpenter. No one had any objections.

Fluharty said the Town of Whitehall is holding a training class on Roberts Rules of Order on September 30 if anyone is interested in attending.

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

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn, Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.