

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 1, 2020

The first monthly June meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, June 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Elliott made the motion to approve the minutes, as amended. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The first item of New Business was the Coal Severance Fund budget revision #2. Fluharty said the City received more taxes than anticipated so this revision will allot more funds to the Street Department. Elliott made the motion to approve Coal Severance Fund Budget Revision #2. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

General Fund budget revision #6 was the next item on the agenda. Denny Efaw made the motion to approve General Fund Revision #6, as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Martina Vannatta was recommended as a part time police officer to work the weekends, as needed. She is academy trained and currently working for the Marion County Sheriff's Department. Fletcher made the motion to hire Vannatta as a part time officer, subject to a 6-month probation. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

Fletcher asked if one of the officers quit. Shadrick said Cody Fluharty, who was recently hired as a part time officer, has resigned.

Several visitors, including Danny Blair, Lora Michael, Al Wolfe, and Melissa Woods urged the mayor and council to work together and move forward. Many expressed support for Jim Rigsby to be hired as the chief of police. Jami Trowbridge questioned the validity of the recall petition that is being circulated in town and asked that it be checked out when it is submitted. Lisa Snider, Johnathan Williams Jr and Josie Rinehart asked that their names be removed from the recall petition.

In Old Business, the appointment of a chief of police was the first item on the agenda. Chris Efaw made the motion to appoint Jim Rigsby as the chief. Denny Efaw seconded the motion. Elliott asked that the motion be amended to backdate

the appointment to May 1. Chris Efaw so amended his motion and Denny Efaw seconded it. Efaw, Efaw and Elliott voted aye, Fluharty and Fletcher voted no.

Clean Up Day was finalized for Saturday, June 13. Superintendent Ted Nice said he contacted Ernie Michael at Northern Sales and they will have two dumpsters at 406 High Street.

Four bids were received for the paving of Northview Road and they were as follows:

North Central Paving	\$50,035
C W Stickley	66,182
Anderson Excavating	53,851
Bear Contracting	58,090

Fletcher made the motion to accept the low bid by Anderson Excavating. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Elliott gave an update on the Wintergarden Park Project. The paperwork was signed last week, and the projected start date is August 1. He also reported that Dr Jennifer Mills Cardwell and Dr Jim Mills will be donating \$1,000 toward the project.

In his report, Rigsby said the police department issued eleven citations and received training on the Zerker program. He also plans to implement the E-ticket program with funding by the State Division of Highway Safety. Officer Phillip Stewart is scheduled to go back to the academy on June 14 for twelve days to finish his certification. Rigsby said he appreciated the opportunity to serve as chief of police.

In Nice's department report, he said the CCR Report will be prepared on June 17. It has been delayed because the State Health Department has been under a travel ban due to the pandemic. Dead ends were recently flushed in town and the Fire Department will be conducting flow tests soon on the hydrants. Nice said he would like to start training Brad Moore on the water distribution system

requirements so that the city will have someone available to step in when he retires, etc. Chris Efaw thanked Nice and Mike Williams for their work at the park.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty said she has been approached by the Park Board about scheduling the fireworks for the 4th of July and said she wanted to be sure that was okay with council. Chris Efaw, who is also a Park Board member, said they are planning a smaller celebration this year. Council agreed to proceed with the fireworks. Fluharty also said the Mead Fund budget requests were delayed due to the pandemic and asked if council wanted her to ask outside agencies, organizations, etc to submit requests prior to the next meeting. A work session was set for June 15 at 6:00 p.m. to hear and/or review any budget requests.

Councilman Elliott asked for an executive session to discuss the mayor's behavior at the last meeting. Chris Efaw made the motion to go into executive session. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:55 p.m. Denny Efaw made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The regular meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to okay the payment of the bills, as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

The mayor and council wished the City of Fairmont's Chip West good luck with his retirement and thanked him for his help over the years.

Denny Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.