

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 15, 2020

The second regular meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick residing, was held Monday, June 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were reviewed. Elliott made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Perry Thorne Jr. said the Mannington District Fair will be held this year but there will be no parade, no queen competition, no greased pig and no family day. He said the lights under the gym need replaced. Chris Efaw asked if the Fair Board was going to replace them and Thorne said they would.

Water Clerk Jennifer Barker said she wanted to respond to Jamie Trowbridge's comments at the last meeting. She said the city employees are not the problem and Trowbridge's comments were out of line. Barker said council should have spoken up in the employee's defense.

Superintendent Ted Nice said he agreed with Barker and was disappointed that council did not speak up.

The first item of New Business was the Water Fund's FY 2020-21 budget. Chris Efaw made the motion to adopt the budget. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The Mead Fund's FY 2020-21 budget was next. Fletcher made the motion to adopt the Mead Fund budget. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

Victory Construction's invoice for the demolition of the Washington Street property, the asbestos testing and the cleanup was discussed. It was agreed to deduct \$300 from the cleanup costs as agreed to earlier. Fletcher made the motion to approve payment of \$19,500 to Victory Construction. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief of Police Jim Rigsby covered several subjects in his report including the NCIC reports being several months behind, the need to find a secure evidence room,, cleanup of old evidence, code enforcement assistance involving a garbage complaint and letters being sent about high grass. He suggested the City should hire someone to mow properties where the owners do not respond to the letters and then place a lien on those properties. Code Officer Shane Carpenter said Fairmont has tried that too but rarely gets reimbursed for the mowing costs. Community service in lieu of paying fines was discussed. Rigsby is to check with the Day Report people for guidelines. Rigsby also said he has applied for grants for uniforms and equipment. Fletcher asked if he looked into any drug house ordinances. Rigsby said he is familiar with Martinsburg's. Shadrick said he gave tires to the police department for the Dodge cruiser.

Nice gave this report in which he noted it took 13 hours to fix a water leak by Miller's Carwash, Chip West sent his thanks for his retirement present and both dumpsters were filled by 9:30 am on Clean Up Day.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty reported the Dr. Bharti will be opening an office at North Pointe Plaza in early July and 168 business license renewals were sent out last week. Fluharty added that she agreed 100% with Jennifer Barker's comments and said it was very disappointing that no one spoke in the employee's defense.

Carpenter said he is working to find people who are in violation of the property maintenance code. Councilman Denny Efaw suggested he check with Grafton to see how they are handling their violators.

Councilman Chris Efaw said he supports the city employees 110% and agreed that he and others should have spoken up at the last meeting.

The outstanding bills were the final item on the agenda. Fletcher made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.