

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2020

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrack presiding, was held Monday, March 2, 2020 at 7:04 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 regular meeting were reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to approve the minutes, as presented. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Stevie McDonald, a candidate for Marion County Prosecutor, introduced herself and distributed a flyer to everyone present.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said violation letters were sent out this week to all of Mannington's water customers due to a misunderstanding about the required reports that were to be submitted to the State Health Department. He assured everyone that the water is fine. Nice also noted that EPA officials are coming tomorrow to meet with Fairmont and all of their satellite customers, including Mannington. Denny Efaw asked about the raw sewage problem that was reported at the last meeting. Nice said it has been diverted from the meter pit and the testing has begun.

Chief of Police Brian Stewart said his department issued 18 citations and made 12 arrests in February. He also reported that since the cuffing bench was installed, his department is now a secure facility which will enhance their grant eligibility.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty reported that the annexation hearing before the Marion County Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 10:00 a.m. The city attorney plans to attend. She also noted that the FY 2018-19 audit has been completed and the report was received today.

Mayor Shadrack said the Washington Street property has been razed. He said it will be cleaned up once the rain stops.

There was no old business.

In new business, Ordinance #451 which pertains to licensing of solicitors was the first item on the agenda. Chris Efaw made the motion to

read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #451. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Randy Watson from the Thrasher Group reported on the recent bid opening for the Wintergarden Park Project. The bids were over budget and he presented two funding scenarios for council's consideration. Scenario #1 would eliminate one of the gazebos so that the additional funding needed would be \$59,194.76. Scenario #2 eliminated both gazebos and that reduced the additional funds needed to \$27,458.51. He said they could also do value engineering to look for any cuts. Fletcher said he is concerned about the grant deadline and how the changes affects the City's funding from the WV Commission on the Arts. Watson said he would get the contact information from the city clerk and call them about the deadline and to see if any additional funds are available. Elliott made the motion to accept Scenario #2 and to proceed with the project, as funding is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The FY 2020-21 General Fund, Fire Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets were reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to accept the first reading of the Coal Severance Fund Budget. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of the Fire Fund Budget. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. Chris Efaw made the motion to accept the first reading of the General Fund Budget. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

The last item under New Business was Budget Revision # 5 for the FY 2019-20 General Fund Budget. Michele Fluharty said the revisions were necessary to cover line items that are over budget. Fletcher made the motion to approve General Fund budget revision #5. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

