

COUNCIL MEETING OF AUGUST 17, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, August 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Elliott made the motion to approve the minutes, as read. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Jim Rigsby presented George Higgs' plans for parklets in front of Baby B's and Mario's. Tables & chairs will be placed on the sidewalk with screening in front. The idea is to provide more room for customers during the ongoing pandemic which will generate more revenue. He is asking for permission from the City and if that is granted, help with the funding of the project. There were several questions about whether there was room for the parklet and pedestrian traffic. Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter said accessibility is the issue. Since they provided no measurements, Mayor Shadrick asked that the matter be tabled until Carpenter can measure the area and pictures can be presented. Shadrick suggested the tree by Baby B's could be removed to provide them more space for outdoor dining.

Ordinance #453, which regulates fireworks, was presented for the second and final reading. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #453. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The final reading and public hearing on Ordinance #454 which amends the state building codes was the next item on the agenda. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. He asked if there was any public comment and none was received. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #454. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

Fletcher asked if there was any word from Murray Energy about the Dent's Run Dam. Shadrick said they are waiting on the permit from the DEP to begin work on the spillway and valve. After that, Denny Strickland is to contact the City to set up a meeting.

Elliott said they broke ground on the Wintergarden Park.

Mayor Shadrick said the Jeep was wrecked while the officer was responding to a call and it is not drivable. Since the City's insurance carrier only had liability coverage on it due to its age, it will probably be auctioned off. He is currently looking for a cheap replacement.

Louise Hayes of the Mannington Elks Club has notified the City that they will be granted 9,000 for equipment which will include a mobile radio, two portable radios and body cams for the police department and one body cam for the water department.

In department reports, Carpenter said he has received complaints about a property on Monroe Street, but he could find nothing on kennels in the City code and the fence regulations were rather lenient. Councilman Fluharty said there is also property at the end of Fairfield Drive with a similar issue that needs his attention. Carpenter reported that the house on E Main Street was boarded up by the city and asked if that is property the City can buy. Shadrick asked him to send a letter giving the owners a set time to clean it up. Several other property maintenance issues were discussed.

Rigsby presented the following costs for a canine for the police department:

Dual purpose canine	\$9,500
Narcotics only canine	7,500
Vet – annually	150
Food – annually	600
Leash, collar, etc	150

The gentleman that Rigsby spoke to is from Madison, WV and he said the cost includes training. Carpenter asked if there were grants available and Rigsby said there is probably something out there.

In other matters, Rigsby said the evidence room is progressing, his certification classes at the Academy begin on August 31 with two weeks being online and one week at the academy, Don Sides' firearms instructor class begins August 24 and everything has been received that is needed to put the computers in the cruisers for the e-Ticket system. Rigsby added that the cost to put in five key fobs for the city hall doors is \$9,000. Carpenter said they are much cheaper if you do them yourself.

Councilman Fletcher advised everyone to watch what they put on social media since two council members in Fairmont have gotten into hot water over their postings.

The outstanding bills were the final item on the agenda. Elliott made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

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