COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 7, 2020

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

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

Several visitors were present. Gary Leeson asked why the police are not doing anything about the illegal vehicles in town. He gave Councilman Chris Efaw a copy of the ordinances that apply to such vehicles. He also gave the mayor a list of the times and dates when drugs are being sold in town. Shadrick said he would give the list to Chief Rigsby.

Main Street Director Lora Michael said that Shop Small Saturday was successful, and she thanked the City for the use of the bucket truck to decorate the Christmas tree. She also mentioned the need for some maintenance to the downtown light poles and reported that Main Street's tax lien release was filed at the courthouse today so their taxes are now paid off and they can receive grant monies.

Planning Commission Chairman Ken Witt reported that the Commission is recommending that City Council amend the zoning code to allow alcoholic beverages to be served in restaurants in the C1 Downtown Historic District. He submitted the proposal to the council members. Denny Efaw made the motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation and to authorize the attorney to draw up an ordinance to enact the amendment. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

There was no old business.

In new business, Fluharty said she had received a quote of $1,696 from the City's insurance carrier for canine liability insurance. She asked if the City or BARK, the committee that raised funds for the dog, was going to pay for the coverage. Michael, who served on that committee, said they will shop around for coverage. Denny Efaw suggested they check with Shinnston about their coverage.

Superintendent Ted Nice said the chlorine system electric parts need replaced and he received a quote from AccuTab for $1,600. He said E-Solutions can install it. Denny Efaw said he will give Nice the names of other companies who can submit

quotes if it is not an emergency. Nice said it was not an emergency. Elliott made the motion to approve the repairs to the AccuTab System pending the receipt of quotes from other companies. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said she contacted four website developers for proposals to update the City's site since the CARES money can be used for that purpose. However, she said the money must be spent by December 31, 2020. The four companies were CivicPlus, GovOffice, Municipal Impact and Revize. She said the prices ranged from $7,800 to $1,243 and all four charged an annual fee to keep the site updated. Fletcher said the City of Fairmont's was developed by CivicPlus and they are very pleased with it. Fluharty said she contacted CivicPlus because she was impressed with Fairmont's website. Chris Efaw made the motion to accept CivicPlus' proposal of $7,500. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

In department reports, Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter distributed a report on the properties he has inspected and their current status. He also introduced Brent Musgrove who is a part time employee in Fairmont's code enforcement department. Shadrick said he would like to hire Musgrove to handle the enforcement while Carpenter will do the inspections. His appointment will be on the next agenda.

Nice gave his monthly report.

Fluharty reported that Mannington Public Service District paid their past due water bill in full and the 2017 Ford dump truck has been paid off.

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

Denny Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.