

## COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 18, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

The first item of business was the public hearing on Ordinance #450 which amends the city charter to allow the city clerk to preside over the municipal court in the absence of the mayor. There were no public comments. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Elliott made the motion to adopt Ordinance #450. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said four of his guys need to be tested after they came in contact with raw sewage while looking for a possible leak. The cost will be \$2,000. Elliott asked if something could be done about the mud by Something Special where the big trucks are running over the sidewalk. He suggested plastic be put down. Nice said they would look into it. Efaw suggested Thrasher Engineering be contacted about smoke testing in the area of the raw sewage to determine its source.

Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter said he was in town on Sunday to condemn a house and issue several building permits.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty and Chief of Police Brian Stewart had nothing to report.

Elliott introduced Stephanie Tomana who is a candidate for the WV House of Delegates. She said common sense seems to be lacking in the state legislature and she would like to change that.

Rana Stephens said the City needs to reconsider the funding for Mannington Main Street. She said they are not charging rent for their two properties and the manager is not maintaining an office at city hall, as required. She said there are

other issues, but she doesn't want to air all their dirty laundry in public. She suggested that Council should meet with the board of directors. Betty Bland said Main Street should be audited. Jennifer Barker added that the organization needs to be restructured. Denny Efaw assured them that the problem will be addressed.

Donna Butera asked if the City had any objections to the caution light by the Dollar General Store being put back into service. She has talked to the State DOH about it. Council had no objection. She also said the crosswalk by the Wonderland Daycare Center is also not off the table. The State DOH said they would allow it if the City would agree to paint it.

Mayor Shadrack presented Sgt Don Sides with a plaque as a tribute to his work ethic and dedication to removing drugs from Mannington's streets.

The funding request for the Smokin' on the Buffalo BBQ Brawl was the first item of New Business. Fletcher made the motion to donate \$500. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

The next item of business was Chief Stewart's probation completion. Chris Efaw made the motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:30 p.m.

Elliott made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:10 p.m. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Chris Efaw made the motion to table any action on Stewart's probation. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Chris Efaw made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.