

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020

The first regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, January 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher, and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last regular meeting stood approved as presented.

Todd Swanson of Steptoe & Johnson was present concerning the final reading and public hearing on Ordinance #449 which authorizes the refunding of the Series 1992 & 1996 water bonds. He said the City should save \$13,000 annually and \$195,000 over the term of the bonds. Chris Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Swanson read the heading. There were no comments from the public. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #449. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Swanson said there will be an additional resolution to be passed and paperwork to be signed next month.

Lora Michael said there is a drainage problem on Ivenora Avenue. Superintendent Ted Nice said he would look into it. Gary Leeson asked for something to be done about two properties on Meadow Avenue in Homewood. Shadrick said he would tell the code enforcement officer about them. Sally Kolb thanked the City for allowing Main Street to hold the New Year's Eve event this year. Shadrick said he appreciated all the hard work put into the Christmas parade and the New Year's Eve celebration and thought both were very successful.

Chris Efaw has agreed to serve as the City's representative on the Park Board and Shadrick asked for a motion appointing him. Elliott made the motion to appoint Efaw to the Mannington Park Board. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Chris Efaw abstained. His term will end on June 30, 2021.

Gary Bowers and Anthony Fluharty's terms on the Planning Commission will expire on January 18, 2020. Fletcher made the motion to reappoint Bowers and Fluharty to another 3-year term on the Planning Commission. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

Ordinance #450 which proposes an amendment to the City Charter to allow the city clerk to preside over the municipal court in the absence of the mayor was

the next item on the agenda. Denny Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Elliott made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #450. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Access by the public to city hall was discussed. Mayor Shadrick said he would like to limit access to city hall for security reasons and Chief of Police Brian Stewart said he has concerns about the open access also. They proposed locking the two exterior doors and letting everyone enter through the Water Department. The city clerk and Water Clerk Jennifer Barker both expressed reservations about that idea since that area is very congested at times and that would make Barker responsible for screening visitors. Fluharty said she would prefer that people paying tickets, etc. enter through the door by her office. Elliott suggested putting a camera in the doorway facing the exterior door by the city clerk's office and she could then buzz people into the building. Council all agreed with Elliott's suggestion. Shadrick said he would still like to put protective glass in the Water Department and Nice said he is getting prices on bullet-proof glass. Visitor Jim Taylor suggested a work session be held to more fully discuss the idea and to get input from the office staff since they are the ones directly affected. It was agreed to hold a work session at 6:00 p.m. on January 21.

Fluharty said she called the references on the stop-gap insurance that was proposed at the last council meeting and they were favorable. She said all the employees, but one, reviewed the paperwork and signed up for the coverage. She distributed the attorney's opinion on the annexation process and said a meeting is needed to gather all the information required before going before the county commission. It was agreed to discuss the annexation at the work session on January 21. Fluharty also said a representative from Comcast will attend the next meeting to discuss the cable franchise.

Chief Stewart gave his 2019 report in which he noted that 86 ATV/UTV permits were purchased, 219 citations issued, and 86 arrests made.

Chris Efaw made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Denny Efaw 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.

