

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 21, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrack presiding, was held Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and stood as presented.

In department reports, Chief of Police Brian Stewart said Officer Phillip Stewart is in his third week at the police academy and is doing good. Superintendent Ted Nice gave a report on the jobs they have completed since the last meeting. City Clerk Michele Fluharty had nothing to report.

Visitor Anthony Fluharty said the new streetlight is in on Monroe Street.

Randy Elliott, in a report on the work done by the Elks Club at Bowers Park, said they have spent approximately \$43,000 so far. The main improvements have been a new basketball court and a bathroom. They have money left over from the grant money received for the project and would like to enlarge the parking area above the park, with the City's permission. Elliott also suggested that the street above the park which has never been given a proper name be named Elks Avenue in appreciation for their work at the Bowers Park. He also said the streetlight there should be changed to a sodium vapor so that the area is lit up more. It was agreed to add those three items to the next agenda.

Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter said he has been working to clean up the property on North Gate Drive and the trailer on Terrace Drive. He also noted that the Department of Labor has halted work on the new Walgreens for failure to have permits and licenses.

Jennifer Halaszynski from Comcast was present to answer any questions about the proposed franchise between Comcast and the City. Randy Elliott questioned the need for the franchise since there has been none for 20+ years. Halaszynski said it was to protect the City in the event Comcast wanted to install new poles/lines, etc in Mannington. The city clerk asked if a franchise fee is implemented would that charge be passed on to the customers and Halaszynski said it would. She said Comcast has 374 subscribers in Mannington and that fee

can be up to 5%. She suggested the city attorney should review the franchise document. No action was taken at this time.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Elliott made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.