

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 13, 2020

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher and Nelson Elliott.

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

In Old Business, Fluharty said that the DEP has notified the City that if the Certificate of Approval for the Dent's Run Dam modifications is not completed soon, they will consider the application inactive and void it. Fletcher asked if Murray Energy ever agreed to all of the City's stipulations. Shadrick said they did not. Council asked that he contact Denny Strickland at Murray Energy.

The first item of New Business was Coal Severance Fund Budget revision #1 for FY 2020-21. Fluharty said there was \$1,462 in the unencumbered balance for the last fiscal year that must be allocated, and that money was added to the Street Department supplies account. Chris Efaw made the motion to approve the Coal Severance budget revision. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Proposals for the renewal of the city's property, liability and auto insurance were reviewed. Those proposals were: One Beacon (without dam structural failure coverage) \$67,954.57; One Beacon (with dam structural failure coverage) \$72,988.79 and Zurich (without dam structure failure coverage) \$64,338.56. Elliott made the motion to accept One Beacon's proposal with the dam coverage. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Council reviewed the City of Fairmont's fireworks ordinance. Multiple complaints have been received about fireworks being set off weeks before and after the 4th of July. It was agreed to set the dates when fireworks will be permitted to July 3, 4, 5 and on New Year's Eve (from 10:00 p.m. on Dec 31 to 12:30 on January 1). Fletcher made the motion to authorize the city attorney to revise Fairmont's ordinance to implement the City's changes. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

The request from the Town of Hundred for a Mutual Aid Agreement between Mannington, Cameron, Pine Grove and Hundred that would allow ATVs/UTVs with

permits to be allowed in each of those cities/towns was discussed. Council all agreed that they were not interested in participating.

Chris Efaw said the Park Board has accepted a quote from Erskine Seal Coat to seal the parking lots and the road around Hough Park at a cost of \$10,000. Lines will also be painted on the parking lots.

In department reports, Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said the representative from the Governor's Committee on Highway Safety brought the computers for the E-Ticket program. He said that since all the officers are provided smart phones by the City, they should be able to use the Hot Spot feature on the phones to access the internet. Council questioned whether that would affect the City's monthly bill and Fluharty said she would check. Rigsby also reported that Officer Phillip Stewart will graduate Friday, virtually, from the State Police Academy. Don Sides has been enrolled in a firearms instructor course at a cost of \$150. Rigsby said he hopes to have an estimate on electronic door locks for the next meeting.

Fluharty read a letter of thanks from the West Augusta Historical Society for the City's budget allocation for FY 2020-21. She also reported that her office sent out thirty-six unpaid fine notices and so far, they have collected \$1,955. In a recent phone call from the Municipal League, Fluharty said she was advised that the City could apply for funding through the CARES Act to cover the cost of the police department payroll expenses and the cost of any cleaning of the city buildings. She submitted the application on June 30 and was notified last week that the City was awarded \$30,967. She will continue to submit monthly applications through the end of 2020. The money has not been received yet, but the State said it would take at least ten days from the date of the award. Fluharty said that should help cover some, if not all, of the shortfall from last year due to the pandemic. Lastly, Fluharty showed council a picture of the downstairs vault where all of their files and paperwork is filed. She said they are required to keep those files for seven years and they must be kept in a safe, secure location. Moving those files to that vault is difficult but taking them to the second-floor vault would be very inconvenient and difficult for them. She said the Sanitary Board items in the upstairs vault can be moved so that the police department can use it for an evidence room. Elliott said that he agrees that the police should use the upstairs vault since that will only

involve one move. Shadrick asked the other council members and they agreed. Chief Rigsby said that was okay with him too.

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

Rigsby said he spoke to several agencies about community service for people who receive citations. He was told that the City's blanket insurance should cover them plus they could sign waivers. However, everyone agrees the waivers are basically useless.

Denny Efaw asked for an update on the Wintergarden Park. Shadrick said the contractors are waiting on paperwork from Thrasher in order to submit a pay estimate.

Denny Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.