

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 20, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding was held Monday, July 20, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

Shadrick reported that Officer Phillip Stewart graduated from the Academy last Friday. Chris Efaw said the parking lots at Hough Park have been sealed and the lines marked.

Visitor John Crow asked what was being done about the drugs in town and if the City could get help from the Sheriff's Department. Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said something was in the works, but he could not divulge the details. Crow also asked about the house behind Knisely's on Buffalo Street. He said it is in serious disrepair. Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter said the courthouse records show the Kniselys as the owners, but he will check again.

In Old Business, Shadrick said he spoke to Denny Strickland from Murray Energy about the Dent's Run Dam. According to Strickland, he will meet with council once the project is moving. City Clerk Michele Fluharty spoke to Randy Watson who said Thrasher Engineering has signed off on the plans and forwarded them to the DEP.

Fiscal Year 2020-21 General Fund budget revision #1 was explained by M Fluharty who said that the General Fund had a deficit of \$6,357. She said adjustments were made to the contingency account and the supplies for the mayor's and code enforcement officer's accounts to offset the deficit. Once the funds are received from the CARES Grant, those adjustments can be reversed. Elliott made the motion to approve the General Fund Budget Revision #1 for FY 2020-21. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Budget Revision #1 for the Fire Fund for FY 2020-21 was next on the agenda. Fluharty said they had a surplus of \$15,849 and Fire Chief Jim Moran has asked that those funds be moved to the equipment account. Chris Efaw made the motion to approve Fire Fund Revision #1. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick said he spoke to Chris McIntire from the 911 Center about body cams for the police and water departments. McIntire said he would connect the City with a company that may donate three cams to the City and Shadrick said he would like the City to match that.

Rigsby reported that he has been going through 22 years' worth of files and is checking with the Prosecutor's Office to see what must be saved and what can be destroyed. He also said he received a sample letter from CEO Carpenter to send to residents who are violating the grass ordinance. Three radar units have been certified and one needs a cord before it can be certified. Chris Efaw mentioned a garbage complaint on Highland Street.

Street & Water Supervisor Ted Nice outlined the upcoming paving schedule and said the budget will be reviewed once those jobs are completed. He said he spoke to Mayor Shadrick about the parking issue at city hall since there are now four police cruisers and he suggested the officers be allowed to take one home. Shadrick agreed but said it would only be for officers who live in town and they are not to be for personal use. Council had no objection.

Carpenter said he has been sending out violation letters and will be attending a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing and the Planning Commission's quarterly meeting next week.

The city clerk said she provided copies of the fireworks ordinance as amended by the city attorney to the mayor and council and asked if they had any changes. It was agreed to change the wording to state that fireworks will be permitted on July 3, 4 and 5 plus New Year's Eve only. The first reading will be on August 3, 2020.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to approve payment of the bills. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Rigsby said he would like to put signs by the Rails To Trails so that it is clear that 4-wheelers/UTVs are not permitted on the trails and then there will be zero tolerance.

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