

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2020

The second regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held March 23, 2020 at 8:00 a.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 and special meetings were reviewed. Elliott made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

The first item of business was the second and final reading of Ordinance #451 which establishes regulation and registration of solicitors and/or peddlers. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #451. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

The first reading of Ordinance #452 which rescinds Ordinance #416 pertaining to heavy trucks on Water Street was next. Elliott made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #452. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Chris Efaw made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #452. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved.

Department reports were the next item of business. Chief of Police Brian Stewart said the probations of Wesley Wheeler and Brandon Clyde have expired and he is recommending them as permanent, part time patrolmen. In addition, since the police academy has been closed due to the Corona Virus and Phillip Stewart sent home, he would like to recommend Stewart as a permanent, full time patrolman so that he can begin accruing vacation and sick time. He said it would not be fair to make him wait until he graduates from the academy since it is uncertain when his class will reconvene. Chief Stewart also reported that Don Sides and Jim Rigsby have resigned from the police department. Stewart said his department still needs Clorox wipes and spray, masks, etc. so that the officers can clean the cruiser each time the shift changes, but he said they have been unable to find them anywhere. Councilman Chris Efaw said he can get them gloves and Mayor Shadrick said he would see if he had some available also. It was suggested Stewart check with the City of Fairmont to see where they get their supplies. Chris

Efaw made the motion to approve Wesley Wheeler & Brandon Clyde as permanent, part time patrolmen. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved. Phillip Stewart's probation will be addressed at the next meeting since it was not on today's agenda. Elliott asked if it can be retroactive and Fluharty said it could. Stewart also reported that they busted a drug house in town this week.

The second reading of the FY 2020-21 General Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets was the final item of Old Business. Chris Efaw made the motion to adopt the FY 2020-21 General Fund and Coal Severance Fund budgets. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The budgets include a \$1.00 an hour raise for all employees.

The final item of business was the Washington Street demolition. Carol Wallingford of the State Health Department was present to address the recent abatement notice that was sent to the City. She said the asbestos inspection conducted by Victory Contracting was inadequate, at best. She said the five samples of plaster showed 5% asbestos and the one siding sample showed 30%. She said safety is an issue for abatement and the debris pile must be treated as asbestos. Mayor Shadrick said the foundation of the house had a huge crack in it so it was deemed to be unsafe for anyone to enter. Wallingford said that Rob Smith of Superior Environmental does asbestos inspections. Shadrick said the City guys can cover the pile for now. Superintendent Ted Nice said his guys are not comfortable dealing with asbestos. Denny Efaw said it needs to be cleaned up and the City's attorney should be contacted. Chris Efaw said to give Victory Contracting 15 days to clean up the site. It was the unanimous agreement of council not to pay Victory's invoice for the cleanup and asbestos testing and to have the city attorney write Victory a letter giving him 15 days to clean up the site. Wallingford said the State Health Department must be given 10-day notice before beginning any removal from the site.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

