

## COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, November 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott and Ken Fletcher.

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

Visitor Mike Williams said there is an ongoing problem with traffic going the wrong way on several of the streets in Southside, particularly Pleasant, Locust and Clarksburg Streets. He asked for the police to monitor those areas especially around the school before an accident occurs. Mayor Shadrick asked Chief Rigsby to have his department keep an eye on that area.

The first item of Old Business was the public hearing and second reading of Ordinance #456 which amends Ordinance #310 to designate lands and properties to be used as park space within the HR1 District. C Efaw made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #456. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved. Shadrick read the heading. There was no public comment. Elliott made the motion to adopt Ordinance #456. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance #457 was next on the agenda. Denny Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. Elliott made the motion to adopt Ordinance #457 which amends the employee handbook. Chris Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, Blackshere Pre-K's funding request for the special needs playground was discussed. Elliott made the motion to allocate \$1,000 from the Mead Fund to the outdoor playground. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Jim Rigsby's and Don Sides' probations have ended. Chris Efaw made the motion to hire Rigsby and Sides as permanent, full time employees. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

A year-end stipend for the city employees was the next item of business. Chris Efaw said that since the CARES money is being received primarily because the city employees have worked through the pandemic, he would like to transfer \$7600 of that money toward a stipend, if the money is available. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said there is \$20,000 in the contingency account. Since there were no objections, C Efaw made the motion to give a \$1000 stipend to the full-time employees and \$500 to the part time employees. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Rigsby asked council to hire Harry Teare as a part time officer. He said Teare is a certified officer who is qualified to do in-service training which will save the department money. Chris Efaw made the motion to hire Teare as a part time officer based on Rigsby's recommendation. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

In the department reports, Fluharty said she spoke to Fire Chief Jim Moran today and he would like permission to talk to the city attorney about the recent fire levy that was approved by the county voters. Council said they had no objection to Moran contacting the attorney. Shadrick said the cost would be paid from the Fire Fund.

Williams said new Christmas lights are needed for next year. He said the current ones are showing their age and are getting harder to put up each year.

Chief Rigsby distributed a letter to council concerning the training of the K-9 officer.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

