

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, September 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher, and Tim Fluharty.

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

In Old Business, Jim Rigsby said the proposed parklets for downtown have been postponed until Spring.

In New Business, new tires for the Ford F-550 were the first item on the agenda. Superintendent Ted Nice said he got quotes from Eric's Tire, Michaels Tire & Repair, and Glotfelty Tire. The low bid was from Eric's Tire for \$1,440 for six Roadmaster tires. Efaw made the motion to accept the bid from Eric's Tire. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Up next was General Fund Budget Revision #2. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said this revision was necessary to allocate the Wintergarden Park grant monies along with the CARE grant funds. Elliott made the motion to approve the General Fund Budget Revision #2. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Hiring of a part time police officer was tabled.

Mayor Shadrick said he got three quotes for a car to be used as a cruiser and they were as follows:

Ball Pre-Owned Auto	\$3,500	2004 Mercury Marquis
St Mary's Auto Sales	\$2,995	2004 Ford Crown Victoria
Ashland Auto Sales	\$5,300	2009 Ford Crown Victoria

Elliott made the motion to accept the quote from Ball Pre-Owned Auto. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Bennett & Dobbins' proposal to prepare the City's 2020 PSC report was reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to accept Bennett & Dobbin's proposal for \$1,950. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick recommended that Bill Hunter be reappointed to the Sanitary Board. Chris Efaw made the motion to reappoint Hunter to another 3-year term on the Sanitary Board. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said it was time to appoint an audit selection committee for a 2-year term. She submitted the names of Nelson Elliott, Fred Moore, Gloria Cunningham and herself. Chris Efaw made the motion to appoint Elliott, Moore, Cunningham and Fluharty to serve as the City's audit committee. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The committee will send out notices to at least three firms to submit proposals to conduct the FY 2019-20 audit, review those proposals and select one firm to recommend to city council.

Mayor Shadrick recommended that the 2001 Jeep that was recently wrecked and is out of service be auctioned. He asked the department heads if they had any other items to be auctioned and no one had anything. Denny Efaw made the motion to authorize an ordinance to schedule an auction. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Chris Efaw questioned Don Side's probation period. Discussion then followed about whether a certified officer should serve a 6-month probation or the standard 90-day probation. Elliott asked that the subject be put on the next meeting's agenda and in the meantime, he will review the employee handbook.

In department reports, Code Enforcement Officer Shane Carpenter had nothing to report. He said that he has been studying for his certification test and has not had time to come to Mannington.

Nice gave his report detailing the jobs they have completed since the last meeting. He said the storm drain on Howard Street is free flowing, but the State's drain does not handle heavy rainfalls and is causing the flooding in that area. Nice also said the fence on the back of the trailhead needs replaced. He said Main Street put it up and questioned whether they would want to help the City replace it.

Fluharty said she had nothing to report.

Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said he recently completed his re-certification when the State shortened the class due to a spike in COVID cases in Charleston. He said Officer Cameron Mitchell still needs to be certified but he has no idea when they will begin the classes again.

Shadrick gave an update on the efforts by BAD to secure funding for a canine for the police department. He said their goal is \$20,000. Denny Efaw asked about the liability for a canine and Shadrick said it would be covered by the City's insurance.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Chris Efaw made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

Shadrick asked for an executive session to discuss a legal matter. Elliott made the motion to go into an executive session. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:40 a.m. Elliott made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:45 p.m.

Denny Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.