

## COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held Monday, September 21, 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 last regular meeting were reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Shadrick thanked the City of Shinnston Police Department for their pre-meeting demonstration with their canine.

Planning Commission President Ken Witt presented two recommendations recently approved by the Commission. The first was an Overlay District extension by Something Special located on Buffalo Street for an addition to their property. Denny Efaw made the motion to approve the Overlay District extension. Elliott seconded the motion and all approved. The second recommendation was to allow parks & playgrounds in the HR1 District as a conditional use. Witt said they are allowed in all of the other residential districts. Elliott made the motion to authorize an ordinance be drawn up by the city attorney to implement this amendment to the zoning regulations. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Robin Smith representing the Bark Against Drugs group that is soliciting funds for a dog for the Mannington Police Department said they have raised \$2,000 so far. She said the demonstration that was held prior to the meeting showed her that a dog is needed. She outlined the various ways that people can donate to the group including a Go Fund me account and through the First Exchange Bank.

Lora Michael introduced herself as the ninety-day interim director of Mannington Main Street. Her purpose is to try to get Main Street out of financial trouble and said after her 90 days are up, others may apply for the director's position. Her plans include setting up an afterhours meeting with the businesses since that should be the focus of Main Street. Michael also said, at

this time, it looks like Octoberfest will be canceled but they have not gotten the final word yet.

On behalf of the Mannington Women's Club, Michael thanked the City for letting them use Trader's Alley for their Farmer's Market this summer. They would like to use it again next year, if possible. Plus, they would like to set a storage building on a small piece of City property on Trader's Alley to use for storage. Discussion followed about whether the building would be portable and if it floods in that area. Both matters will be on the next meeting's agenda.

In New Business, the first item of business was Ordinance #455 which sets a public auction for the 2001 Jeep Cherokee. Chris Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick read the heading. The auction date was set for October 19 at 10 a.m. Denny Efaw made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #455. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice reported on several jobs they have completed since the last meeting and added that the new tires have been purchased and are on the Ford F-550. Chief of Police Jim Rigsby presented letters of commendations to Officers Phillip Stewart and Cameron Mitchell for their actions during a recent arrest. He also commended Don Sides for his help with training the newer officers and for his recent certification as the department's fire arms instruction. Shadrick thanked Rigsby for his efforts in getting the evidence room in order.

The final item of new business was the City's probation policy. Elliott said he reviewed the handbook and suggested that the probation period for a newly hired certified police officer should be ninety days and six months for an uncertified officer, but both would begin accruing sick days after ninety days. In addition, if a police officer is promoted from within, the new probation period should only be 45 days plus they would continue to accrue benefits. Council agreed that if an officer is promoted from within, the new probation period for a certified officer would be 45 days and an uncertified officer, six months plus they would continue to accrue benefits, if the initial probation has

been completed. Elliott made the motion to authorize the attorney to draw up an ordinance to implement the changes to the Employee Handbook. Denny Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Fluharty made the motion to adjourn. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.