

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 1, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, November 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Kris Bates, John Craw, Chris Efaw, Tim Fluharty and Ray Shadrick.

The meeting began with a prayer by Pastor Legg.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Craw made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

The first item of business was the Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the regulations regarding drive through service facilities in the Downtown Commercial District. Shadrick made the motion to accept the Commission's recommendation and authorize the attorney to draw up an ordinance implementing the changes. Craw seconded the motion and all approved.

Michael said she contacted the DEP, and they extended the City's permit for the Dent's Run Dam renovations until January 1, 2022.

The second reading of Ordinance #460 was next on the agenda. Shadrick made the motion to read the heading only. Craw seconded the motion and it carried. Michael read the heading. Efaw made the motion to adopt Ordinance #460. Bates seconded the motion and it carried. This ordinance approves the City taking possession of three FEMA properties i.e., 409 Pyles Avenue, 411 Pyles Avenue and 306 Park Drive.

Councilman Efaw suggested a meeting to select a committee to oversee the Dent's Run Dam facility after the renovation project is completed. Michael said she will set up a meeting after the first of the year.

Mayor Michael said she plans to ask the Marion County Commission for funds to help with the purchase of a new Burt Hill water tank. She said the total projected cost of the tank is \$496,950 and she would like to apply \$150,000 of the ARFA funds toward the tank. Efaw made the motion to authorize the mayor to ask the County Commission for funding for a new Burt Hill tank and to use \$150,000 of the ARFA money as the City's share. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief of Police Jim Rigsby reported that the June 30th drug arrest resulted in a plea bargain. He also said the coil packs in the Ford cruiser are going bad. Michael suggested he check into the North Marion Vo-Tech Center again for repairs. Craw asked about the hiring process. Rigsby said he is looking for a psychologist to screen the applicants. Craw said plans need to be implemented next year to slow down traffic during Halloween.

Michael announced that the city was awarded a \$20,000 Brownfield Assistance Grant to be used for branding among other uses. It will not be awarded until next summer. She also said she and Park Board President Lenny Stafford are meeting with EQT next week to solicit funding for a new pool. They are sending out letters to Mannington residents this week.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fluharty made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Michael asked for an executive session to discuss a personnel matter involving Cameron Mitchell. Efaw made the motion to go into executive session to discuss Mitchell. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 7:30 p.m.

Shadrick made the motion to reconvene into regular session. Craw seconded the motion and all approved. The time was 7:49 p.m.

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