

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 16, 2018

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor Charlie Kolb presiding was held Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Kenneth Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by City Clerk Michele Fluharty and were approved with a few typo corrections.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Reese Cup Bates said he was there in support of changing the ATV ordinance. Four others also spoke in favor of allowing UTV/ATVs in town. Discussion followed as to how to regulate the registration of such vehicles. Kolb asked whose property would be crossed since there are no designated trails in town. It was agreed more discussion is needed.

Jim & Wanda Byard asked for help in getting the tree in their neighbor's yard cut because it is clogging their drains and spouting. Shadrick suggested he hire an attorney to contact the neighbors. Fletcher said Byard can legally cut anything that protrudes onto his property. Byard asked if the City could pass an ordinance addressing the problem, but Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton said it is a civil matter.

Gary Leeson said he would like to see Mannington pass a "drug house ordinance" like the one Fairmont just adopted.

In department reports, Horton said he distributed 72 door hangers, issued 3 demolition permits and 12 building permits and attended 5 court hearings. Fletcher asked about the sewer leak at 720 Burt St. Fluharty said someone signed up for water there this week and they were not aware of any leak. Efaw asked about the Columba property on Bluff St. Horton said Columba claims that he is having trouble getting a dumpster. Horton asked about the proposed ordinance to hire an attorney to conduct hearings. He feels it would be another roadblock toward getting properties cleaned up in town. Fletcher said he did not think it would complicate anything.

Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work schedule since the last meeting. He reported on the road slip on Northgate Drive.

In Old Business, Ordinance #436 which abandons a portion of Stony Drive in Homewood was the only item on the agenda. Efaw made the motion to read the heading only. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. There were no public comments. Elliott made the motion to adopt Ordinance #436. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, revision #1 of the FY 2018-19 General Fund budget was presented for approval. Fluharty said this was the first time in many years that there was no unencumbered money left over except for the Fire Department. Elliott made the motion to approve GF Budget Revision #1. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Kolb said the next regular meeting will be the same night as the fair parade. Fletcher made the motion to cancel the August 6 meeting. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Shadrick questioned why his wife's towing service could not be used by the police department. He said the new patrolman's dad runs a towing service too, so it should be a conflict for him also. Fluharty said Chief James addressed that issue with Evans and he was instructed not to call his dad's service. Kolb said he would look into the matter.

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