

COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 4, 2021

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held October 4, 2021, via Zoom, at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Kristin Bates, John Craw, Chris Efaw, Tim Fluharty, and Ray Shadrick.

Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Jim Rigsby asked for permission to sell alcohol on Water Street during the New Year's celebration being planned. He said wrist bands will be distributed to those over 21 years of age. Mayor Michael said the state now allows nonprofit organizations to sell alcohol twice a year. Fluharty asked if there would be a limit on how much you can drink. Rigsby said no necessarily. Efaw asked if there would just be serving craft beer because he would like to see domestic beer available too. Efaw made the motion to allow beer sales during the New Year's Eve downtown celebration. Bates seconded the motion and it carried.

Michael reported that the Dent's Run Dam Project is going smoothly and expects it to be finished by the October 31st permit expiration. She also noted that 2700 tires were collected during the recent Tire Take Back Day at the fairgrounds. She thanked Tim & Heather Fluharty and Bill Michael for their help.

The first item of New Business was Trick or Treat. Michael recommended that it be held on October 31 between the hours of 6 to 7:30 p.m. Shadrick made the motion to accept the mayor's recommendation. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Budget revisions for the General and Mead Fund budgets were explained by City Clerk Michele Fluharty. The General Fund budget is in a deficit due to the increase in the City's liability insurance. The Mead Fund budget was necessary to pay the invoices for rifles for the police department from Markl that were purchased in the previous fiscal year. Shadrick made the motion to approve both revisions as presented. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

Michael said she had been approached by several citizens who asked why the permits for the ATVs/UTVs are not prorated and she asked council to consider prorating the permit fee for the last quarter of the year. Rigsby said the state does

not prorate license fees. Efaw said this was discussed before but dropped. It was agreed that the fee would stay as is for now.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said he has contacted Buddy Haines to re-do the electrical job on the chlorine building. He also asked when the hearing involving the water tampering case was to be held because his guys would like to testify. Michael said she would talk to Chief Rigsby to find out the status of that case. Shadrick asked about the sink holes by Booth's & Levelle's and Nice said they were there to look at the problem today. Craw asked about the wall by Starsick's and Nice said that is on their to-do list.

Rigsby said his department received 116 calls for assistance and made 14 traffic stops. He reported that the Chrysler cruiser was back from the VoTech Center and it looked good. The Explorer needs the water pump replaced and the turn signal on the Taurus is out. The cost is \$400 but he has found an alternative, cheaper solution. Rigsby said he would check on the tampering case.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty said she put last year's financial statements in council's folders, and they are available for them to review.

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

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