

COUNCIL MEETING OF MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021

The second regular May meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrack presiding, was held Monday, May 17, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Chris Efaw, Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. D Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitor Julie Kincaid asked council to consider designating the pool at Hough Park as an emergency water source. She said a dry hydrant would need to be installed also. Kincaid and Park Board President Lenny Stafford said if the designation is approved, they believe some of the infrastructure money could be used for pool repairs. Stafford said he plans to go to the County Commission for funding also. Council Chris Efaw said Fire Chief Bob Dye will sign off on a dry hydrant. The designation will be on the next meeting agenda.

Superintendent Ted Nice said he spoke to Aaron Tonkery of the WV DEP about the Dent's Run Dam repairs. Tonkery said the City, Murray Energy, the engineering firm working on the project and the DEP must meet before any work can begin on the dam. Randy Watson of Thrasher Engineering said he spoke to Richard Walton at Murray Energy two weeks ago and they said plans are in place. Discussion followed about who would be inspecting the project and it was agreed that council wants a third-party inspector.

Roddy George said a vehicle with dead tags went past his house four times one evening and when his son tried to find out who it was, Officer Don Sides told him it was none of his business. Sides asked if he notified the police and George said no. George asked if all calls should be going through dispatch and he was told yes.

John Craw asked what was being done about the house on Buffalo Street that has partially fell down. Shadrack said code enforcement is working on it.

Lora Michael said the BBQ Brawl was a big success and thanked the City for letting the Women's Club use Trader Alley for the farmer's market.

There was no old business.

In new business, the first item was the Bowers Charitable Trust grant application which asks for \$5,000 for two portable solar speeding signs. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said the total cost of the project is \$5,927 so the City must set aside \$927 for the balance, if funded. Fletcher made the motion to approve the application and to allocate \$927 for the project. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

The city clerk asked for permission to send a \$34,000 payment to the USDA for the Clarksburg Street Bridge loan. She said those funds come from the \$3.00 charge on the utility bills. Fletcher made the motion to approve the \$34,000 payment. D Efav seconded the motion and all approved.

Shadrick said he appointed Matthew Castleberry as a part time patrolman and asked council to approve that appointment. C Efav made the motion to appoint Castleberry as a part time patrolman subject to a six-month probation. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Bids on the paving of Baltimore and Locust Streets were opened and the following received:

Brian Vandevender Contracting:

Locust Avenue	\$39,300
Baltimore St	34,180

North Central Paving:

Locust Avenue	\$37,553
Baltimore St	34,868

Anderson Excavating:

Locust Avenue	\$31,200
Baltimore St	29,000

Plus, a \$3,000 mobilization charge

Parrotta

Locust Avenue	\$65,000
Baltimore St	4,600

D Efaw made the motion to accept the bid from Anderson Excavating for paving Locust Avenue and Baltimore Street. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

In department reports, Nice said Ronnie Powell asked for permission to cut a tree on the city alley by his house due to concern about it falling. Council said they had no problem with the tree's removal as long as the person removing it is insured. Fletcher asked about the manholes on the fairgrounds. He said some of them need attention before the fair this year because he is afraid someone might fall over or in them. Nice said that is the Sanitary Board's responsibility. M Fluharty said she would notify Tim Bosley. Chris Efaw reported a water run-off problem on Mark Efaw's Windy Hill Drive property. Nice will check into it.

The city clerk said the Chick-Fil-A Food Truck will be coming to Mannington once a week through September. They will set up by Advance Auto in the Rainbow Plaza. She also noted that early voting for this year's city election begins Wednesday, May 19 and runs through May 29.

Sides gave the police department report. He said they received 214 calls for assistance in April and they will be testing new part time officer candidates as the applications come in.

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

C Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.