COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, September 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Kris Bates, Anthony Fluharty, Tim Fluharty, Taylor Garrison and Robin Smith.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Anthony made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Tim seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitor Amber McElwain said the Marion County Sheriff’s Department responded to a call about a drive-by shooting incident in Grandview last week. She asked if there had been any findings. Mayor Michael said she would check with Chief Wheeler and get back to her.

Mark Starsick asked if any work session had been scheduled to discuss the police department. The mayor said when there is something to discuss, they will hold a work session.

Jason Graser of Edward Jones Investments gave a presentation on an investment proposal for the city. He distributed a pamphlet and explained the options plus gave them the state code for investments. Graser said he would check back at a later date to see if the city is interested in his services.

There was no old business.

In New Business, Halloween was the first item on the agenda. Several surrounding communities are having Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Garrison asked if there is someone to direct traffic in the heavily trafficked areas of town such as Southside and Clayton Addition. Michael said she would check with the police and fire departments. Bates made the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 from 6 to 7:30 pm. Anthony seconded the motion and it carried.

Round 2 of the REAP Program is accepting applications and Michael asked for authorization to submit an application for another round of demolitions. Tim made the motion to approve the application to apply to Round 2. Garrison seconded the motion and all approved.

Department reports were next on the agenda. Code Enforcement Officer Christina Shreve reported that she tagged four houses and issued one right of entry. Smith thanked Christina for taking her on the job for a day. Shreve also reported that the fire marshal went into 200 Buffalo Street today and all the complaints had been taken care of except for the roof. Councilman Tim Fluharty reported chickens and a rooster on Locust Avenue and said he would pick up the doors at 209 Clarksburg Street if the owner would like them removed. Shreve will contact the property owner. An unlicensed business on High Street was also reported.

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

Tim made the motion to adjourn. Bates seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.