COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2023

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, December 4, 2023, at city hall. Council members attending were Kris Bates, Anthony Fluharty, Taylor Garrison, and Robin Smith.

Reverend Steve Rhodes said a prayer to begin the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Fluharty made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Visitor Amber McElwain asked if the speed limit sign could be back in Grandview. She also asked about the camera by the entrance to the fairgrounds. Mayor Michael said it was not the city’s, so she assumed either the DMV or the DOH placed it there. She will call both offices.

Scott & Carolyn Kellar asked why the gate was removed from the alley by their house at 1010 East Main Street. They said traffic has tripled since it was removed. Councilmember Garrison also asked why the gate was removed. Superintendent Ted Nice said after reviewing the maps for that area, it was determined that the gate was not on city property. The Kellars asked that the gate be replaced, and they be allowed to park in front of their house. Michael said the gate cannot be placed on private property. Chief of Police Donnie Wheeler said they can park to the side of the alley but not on the alley blocking traffic. Scott Kellar played a video on his phone showing his neighbor screaming and cursing at them. They are filing for a protective order tomorrow. Wheeler said he is compiling a cad and will do a report to submit to the prosecutor. Kellar was to send the video to the chief.

Nice gave his department report. Code Enforcement Officer Christina Shreve reported that she had five vehicles removed in town and issued one building permit. Wheeler said he had 25 calls for assistance. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said she transferred $75,000 from the General Fund to a certificate of deposit. She also reported that WVCorp requires the mayor and council to sign a waiver stating the city will not include them on their Workers Compensation policy. She passed the form around for everyone to sign.

Mayor Michael, who was wearing a WFHS tee shirt, said she lost the bet with Fairmont’s mayor but congratulated both teams on a great game. She also said Revolution Trucking agreed to replace the traffic mirror in the sharp turn by Hutson Funeral Home.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Fluharty made the motion to approve the bills for payment. Garrison seconded the motion and it carried.

Bates made the motion to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.