COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 18, 2023

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Council At Large Robin Smith presiding, was held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Councilmembers present were Kris Bates, Anthony Fluharty, Tim Fluharty and Taylor Garrison. Mayor Michael was out of town.

The first item of business was recognition of the Mannington Gator A Football Team’s championship season. Former WVU football star Darius Stills spoke to the team and offered help with conditioning at his facility in Fairmont. The team members were given keys to the city and green & white candies.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed next. Bates made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Garrison seconded the motion and it carried.

Thrasher Engineering’s Randy Watson gave an update on the Burt Hill Tank Project. The bid notice is currently being run in the newspaper, the bid deadline is January 3, and the bid opening will be on January 17. Councilman Anthony Fluharty asked for a pool update. Watson said the subgrade was unacceptable so the contractor had more to dig but they will be pouring the concrete floors soon and the walks will be next. Fluharty also asked about the water/sewer extension for Ryan Manley’s subdivision and Watson said they are working on the Health Department permits now.

Visitor Kevin Kellar said the survey of their property at 1010 E Main Street has been finished and the stakes/flags are in place. Code Enforcement Officer Christina Shreve said she has not issued the fence permit for their neighbor because she was waiting on the results of the survey.

There was no old business.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was the renewal of the Tire Trailer Grant. A Fluharty made the motion to authorize the renewal of the Tire Trailer Grant. Garrison seconded the motion and it carried.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty explained the General Fund Budget Revision #3 which added funds to the City Hall, Street Department, Street Lighting, Demolition Project and Contingency Accounts. Tim Fluharty made the motion to approve the revisions as presented. Bates seconded the motion and it carried.

Since Officer Hunter Lipps graduated from the Fairmont State Police Academy on December 8, it was recommended that he be given a $1.00 an hour increase. Bates made the motion to approve the $1.00 an hour raise for Lipps. Garrison seconded the motion and all approved.

In department reports, Shreve said she did two inspections of unsafe structures and reviewed six building permit applications, four of which were approved. She also noted that she found blocks along the creek bank behind the Mannington Laundry and advised the owner of the Laundry that they must be removed.

The city clerk said a city employee has requested that the council consider an ordinance to make locks mandatory on dumpsters since people are searching through them and leaving litter behind. Council suggested the idea be discussed with the city attorney and the mayor meet with April at Mannington Refuse.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. A Fluharty made the motion to pay the bills. T Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Tim Fluharty thanked whoever was responsible for replacing the mirror in Huey turn. The city clerk said Mayor Michael had contacted Revolution Trucking and they agreed to replace the mirror. The city crew installed it.

Heather Fluharty said the mayor wanted it noted that 6,000 tires have been collected since the tire trailer was put into use.

Smith asked the city clerk for a financial report for the 2nd meeting in January.

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