

## COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 19, 2021

The second regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Kris Bates, John Craw, Chris Efaw, Tim Fluharty and Ray Shadrick.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were reviewed, and copies provided for those attending the meeting. Shadrick made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

In Old Business, Michael reported that a work session with representatives from Marion County Coal, the WV DEP and Thrasher Engineering will be held tomorrow at 4:00 p.m. The Dent's Run Dam Project is the subject of the meeting. In a related matter, the Memo of Understanding between the City and Marion County Coal was discussed. Shadrick made the motion to increase the amount to be paid to the City from \$10,000 to \$30,000. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Efaw then made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, with the change, between Marion County Coal Resources and the City. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was General Fund Budget Revision #1 for FY 2022. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said the revision was necessary to amend the unencumbered balance. Efaw made the motion to approve the General Fund Revision #1. Bates seconded the motion and it carried.

Bennett & Dobbins proposal to prepare the City's annual PSC report was next. Shadrick made the motion to approve the proposal for \$1950. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

Michael asked council to consider participating in the DOH's curb replacement program which would replace sidewalks along state-owned streets in town. Shadrick made the motion to authorize

the city's participation in the curb replacement program. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Michael nominated Terry Starsick to take her place on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Shadrick made the motion to appoint Starsick to the Appeals Board. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

Michael said a date needed to be set for the hearing on Randy Luna's election contest for Precinct #67. Craw made the motion to set the hearing for July 26 at 7 p.m. Bates seconded the motion and it carried.

In department reports, Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said they received 209 calls for assistance in the last two weeks. He said the truck is back in service and the Mercury was in an accident, but it will be repaired in-house. Officer Phillip Stewart has submitted his letter of resignation and his last day will be July 29. Officer Cameron Mitchell is still off on a Workers Compensation injury. Efaw said he thinks the COVID money that is coming to the city can be used for the police department. Michael said once the City gets concrete answers from the federal government then everyone will sit down and make decisions as to how to spend the money.

Rigsby asked if the oil change for the cruisers was to be done at the city garage. Michael said oil/filters will be purchased and stored at the garage, but the police department will be responsible for taking the cruisers to area garages for the service. She suggested alternating between Eric's Garage, the Exxon and Michael's Tire.

Shadrick made the motion to go into executive session with Michael Secret from the City Attorney's office to discuss the upcoming hearing on the election contest. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The time was 8:00 p.m.

Shadrick made the motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:25 p.m. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The final item of business was the outstanding bills. Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as listed. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick made the motion to adjourn. Craw seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.