

COUNCIL MEETING OF JULY 6, 2021

The first regular July meeting of the Mannington City Council was held Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting began with City Clerk Michele Fluharty swearing in Mayor Lora Michael along with Councilmembers Kristen Bates, John Craw, Chris Efaw, Tim Fluharty and Ray Shadrick. Michael then called the meeting to order.

The first item of business was hanging the plaque honoring former Fire Chief Jim Moran on the Wall of Honor in the council chambers. Shadrick asked Fire Chief Bob Dye to hang the plaque. He then presented to Dye another plaque to be hung in the central station. Moran's sister, Lisa Dillon and brother, Sonny Moran, were present.

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

In Old Business, Michael said the city clerk did an excellent job preparing the City's Home Rule application and the next step is to have a map of the city limits prepared by an engineering firm. Shadrick made the motion to ask Thrasher Engineering to prepare a map of the city limits. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, Budget Revision #1 for the FY 2021-22 Coal Severance Fund was explained by Fluharty. She said the budget is prepared in February and at that time, you must estimate the unencumbered balance as of July 1st. If it is more or less than the estimated figure, it must be revised and submitted to the State Auditor's Office before July 15. Efaw made the motion to approve budget revision #1 for the Coal Severance Fund. Craw seconded the motion and it carried.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice reviewed all the jobs completed since the last meeting. Michael asked him to pick up the poles for the lower end of the rail trail at Michael's.

Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said his department received 262 calls for service in June and they made four drug arrests. He also noted that they finished their training at the range. With the recent vandalism at George Higgs' property, Rigsby said they will be strictly enforcing the curfew.

Dye said the fire department's air packs are in and they will be getting trained on them in the near future.

The outstanding bills were the final item on the agenda. Shadrick made the motion to pay the bills as listed. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Michael thanked everyone at city hall for welcoming her and making her first week a good one.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Bates seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.