

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Lora Michael presiding, was held Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Kris Bates, John Craw, Tim Fluharty and Ray Shadrick.

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Shadrick said that the raise that was approved for Don Sides was to be retroactive to March 1, 2021. Michael said the State Auditor's Office was contacted and they advised us that a raise cannot be backdated, and it was unlawful to spend money that is not available in the budget. Michael asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Fluharty made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bates seconded the motion and it carried. Shadrick voted no.

Fire Chief Bob Dye said the Sanitary Board did not notify the fire department of the road closure by the Monroe Street station and he would appreciate it if they would do so in the future. Michael said she would pass that along to the Board. Dye said they received 20 calls in August and worked 70 hours 25 minutes during those calls. One call was a road closure on Route 250 towards Metz that was for an extended period and he thanked Chief Jim Rigsby for bringing them sandwiches. Michael said she was happy to see the fire department at the recent WVU Gun Bash and understands that they will receive a check in exchange for their help.

Michael updated council on the Dent's Run Dam project. She said the spillway has been removed and the work dropping the spillway five feet is progressing well.

A revised copy of the Social Media Policy was distributed. It included clarification about the guidelines for a Facebook page established for the individual precincts. Shadrick made the motion to adopt the Social Media Policy. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

The updated COVID Policy was also reviewed. Craw made the motion to adopt the COVID Policy. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

The Gun Bash sponsored by the Fire Department and the Mannington Fair Board is slated for October 16 at the fairgrounds, but they need a one-day permit from the City to serve alcohol. Shadrick made the motion to issue the one-day permit for the serving of alcohol during the Gun Bash. Craw seconded the motion and it called.

In department reports, City Clerk Michele Fluharty said she has been busy with the year-end financial statements. They must be in the newspaper by the end of the month.

Michael said she is working on Brownfield Assessment letters to the owners of the old A&P Store and Bon Ton building. Plus, the advertisement for bids for a new pool will be published in the newspaper on October 14.

A Tire Take Back Day, in conjunction with REAP, will be held Wednesday, September 22, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. The Fair Board gave permission to the City to use their property.

Michael said she and her husband began painting the street sign poles in Brookside and she will be calling each councilmember to help.

Jordan Gump has accepted the code enforcement position, but Michael is waiting on the Fire Marshall's Office to grant permission for him to begin work since he is not certified.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Shadrick made the motion to approve the payment of the bills. Bates seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty made the motion to adjourn. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.