

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2021

The second regular June meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Council at Large Nelson Elliott presiding, was held Monday, June 21, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Other council members attending were Chris Efaw, Ken Fletcher, and Tim Fluharty.

The minutes of the last regular council meeting were reviewed. Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes as read. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The minutes of the Board of Canvassers' meetings were then reviewed. Efaw made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 14 & 16, 2021 meetings. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Sanitary Board Chairman Bill Hunter advised council of the problems they are encountering with an aging system. He said they would like to make upgrades without increasing the sewer rates. He asked council to include the Sanitary Board in their deliberations over the American Rescue Fund disbursements.

Planning Commission Chairman Ken Witt reported that two hearings on petitions for alley abandonments by Laura Haught and Rodney Hatfield were recently held and the Commission voted to recommend both be approved by city council. He said no objections were heard to either at the public hearings. Fletcher made the motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendations and to authorize the city attorney to draw up ordinances abandoning said alleys. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Elliott told Witt that they had directed a recent council meeting visitor to the next Planning Commission meeting over his questions concerning poultry in the Historic Residential District.

There was no old business.

The first item under New Business was Chief Rigsby's request to purchase a portable radar unit from Kustom Signals. Elliott asked if there was money in the police department budget for the radar and City Clerk Michele Fluharty

said there was. Efaw then made the motion to approve the purchase of the radar unit for \$1,576. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

A belt clip transceiver for the new radio read meters was next. Fluharty said the 40 new meters have been received but the salesman said that to get the full benefit from them, this transceiver is required. It will record any unusual water usage and the water clerk will be able to show customers when and how much water was used when they have unusually high bills. Fletcher made the motion to approve the purchase of the transceiver for \$3,700. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

The city clerk said everything is set for the City to receive the American Rescue Fund monies except council must adopt the Assurance of Compliance with Civil Rights Requirements and authorize her to submit the application and receive the payment(s). She said a new account has been opened, as required, at First Exchange Bank so the money can be electronically deposited. Fletcher made the motion to adopt the Assurances of Compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and to authorize the city clerk to submit the application and receive the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Fluharty seconded the motion and all approved.

Efaw asked about the status of the Home Rule application. Fluharty said she sent it to the Municipal League for review and they said everything looked good. The next step is getting Thrasher Engineering to develop a map of the city limits so that the zip code information can be gathered.

Fletcher asked about the Dent's Run Dam project. Mayor-elect Lora Michael said she has spoken to Richard Walton from Murray Energy and Randy Watson at Thrasher Engineering about it but when she made a follow-up call to Walton, he did not return her call. Fluharty said the DEP has not heard from Murray Energy since last September.

In department reports, Fluharty said Heather Fluharty has turned in her letter of resignation because she has been offered a full-time job elsewhere. Discussion followed as to what could be done to keep her as a city employee. Fluharty said the main stumbling block is the cost of the insurance. Council asked the city clerk to check with The Health Plan to see if the coverage can be

waived for a year and hopefully by that time, Home Rule will be in effect and there will be more money available.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as listed. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried.

Elliott said he had enjoyed serving with this council and appreciated their integrity. Efaw said he would miss working with Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Denny Efaw.

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Fluharty seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.