

COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2021

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council, with Mayor Ray Shadrick presiding, was held June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members in attendance were Chris Efaw, Nelson Elliott, Ken Fletcher and Tim Fluharty.

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

Chuck Cienawski of the Mon Conservation District said they are planning a meeting in August with people in the Mannington area who are affected by flooding and the monitors who keep an eye on the area impoundments. They would like a meeting place that will hold a large number of people. City hall, the Senior Center, the Wintergarden Park and Hough Park were all suggested. Bill Hunter said the brush and debris in the channel needs cleaned out and that would alleviate some of the flooding. A representative from the WCA said an inspection was conducted in 2017 and they agree that something needs done but money is the issue. The cost to mow all the area dams is \$25,000 annually. He said they want to partner with the Upper Buffalo Watershed Association to see if together they can sponsor such a project. He asked the City to think about them in next year's budget.

Mayor Shadrick said it was good to have Councilman at Large Nelson Elliott back at a meeting.

There was no old business.

In New Business, the first item was General Fund Budget Revision #6. City Clerk Michele Fluharty said it was necessary to transfer funds into accounts that were overbudget before the end of the fiscal year. Fletcher made the motion to approve General Fund budget revision #6. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said the water clerk's desktop is several years old, is slow and Windows 7 is no longer supported so she is asking for authorization to purchase

a new one from Dell. Efaw made the motion to approve the purchase of a Dell computer for \$1260.28. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

The request by the Mannington Park Board to designate the Hough Park pool as an emergency water source was discussed. Fletcher made the motion to authorize the designation of the pool as an emergency water source and to okay the installation of a dry hydrant. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Shadrick said that Heather Fluharty handles the reservations for the pavilions at Hough Park and he is recommending that she also handle reservations for anyone wishing to use the new Wintergarden Park so there are no scheduling conflicts. Fletcher made the motion to designate Heather Fluharty to schedule events at the Wintergarden Park. Elliott seconded the motion and it carried.

Superintendent Ted Nice said there was \$10,000 in the current year's Water Fund budget to purchase meters and he would like to purchase 40 radio read meters at a cost of \$9,990. Elliott made the motion to authorize the purchase of the 40 meters. Efaw seconded the motion and all approved.

In department reports, Chief of Police Jim Rigsby said they will arrest anyone caught tampering with a water meter and they will be run through city court. He also noted that they received 189 calls for assistance since May 17. Officer Cameron Mitchell left the Academy due to an injury, but he should be able to attend the next scheduled class. Councilman Efaw said they are already starting with the fireworks in his neighborhood and Rigsby said they will be watching out for any violators.

Nice reported on the various jobs they have completed since the last council meeting.

Fluharty said her office sent out 150 business license renewal notices.

Code Enforcement Officer Brent Musgrove gave his monthly report and distributed a list of properties that need brought up to code. Joe Goodwin of 123 High Street asked about the City Code as it pertains to poultry. He was directed to the next Planning Commission meeting on July 27.

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

Shadrick thanked everyone for their help and cooperation during his term as mayor since he will be unable to attend the June 21st meeting.

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