

CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 2, 2015

The first regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Council members in attendance were Charles Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read.

Beverly Jones and Judy Efaw of the West Augusta Historical Society asked for \$3,000 from the FY 2015-16 Mead Fund budget. Jones said the money would be used to pay for the insurance and a safety inspection of the Round Barn and Museum.

Vince Daniel asked what was going to be done about Pyles Avenue. Taylor said he is in talks with Murray Energy to see if they will pave from the bridge to Spring Street since their trucks are causing much of the damage. He also approached EQT about paving from the bridge to Buffalo Road but they said no.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice gave details on their work schedule the last two weeks and said they have begun testing meters. Kolb said Nice's crew has done a good job with the plowing and cindering.

Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton reported that he has issued thirteen notices for vacant land with unsanitary conditions plus five notices for open and unsafe properties. The Treasure House on Market Street was also condemned and closed until the utilities have been restored and the building is up to code. Horton added that he will be doing ongoing inspections of the new construction of the new Fire Department building in Clayton Addition. Smith asked about the Columba Nwoko property on Burt Street. Horton said the City needs to subpoena him into court this spring.

In Old Business, Ordinance #418 was the only item of business. Taylor asked for a motion to read the heading only of the ordinance to amend the sign regulations to include "plaza signs". Kolb made the motion to read the heading only. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. Stevens made the motion to adopt Ordinance #418. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, the FY 2015-16 Budgets were reviewed. Starsick said he would rather budget more funds from the Mead Fund for paving rather than a new cruiser. Discussion followed as to whether the Dodge Cruiser could wait another year to be replaced. Taylor said he would check to see how many miles are on the Dodge and if there are any mechanical issues. He will report back at the next meeting. Fluharty said approval of the Mead Fund Budget can be delayed until a decision is made but she suggested the requests by the WAHS and the Vietnam Veterans be considered now. Stevens made the motion to approve \$3,000 for the Historical Society and \$1,000 for the Vietnam Veterans. Starsick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb made the motion to approve the General Fund, Water Fund, Fire Fund and Coal Severance Fund Budgets as presented. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The final vote will be taken at the next meeting.

Starsick made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

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