

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 3, 2016

The first monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Council at Large Charlie Kolb presiding was held Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams. Mayor James Taylor is still recuperating from recent surgery.

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

Several visitors were present including Tyler Puskas, a student at North Marion High School, who was recently named as a National Globaloria Champion during his participation in the 2016 Globey Game Designs & Competition. Kolb read a resolution of recognition of Puskas' achievement that was signed by all of the council members.

Misty & Jason Barr asked the proper procedures to apply for a zoning change to allow for a new business in a residential district. They were directed to the Planning Commission on October 25.

Former City patrolman Andy Kolb asked for payment for his 19 vacation days that were unused when he resigned. Kolb said due to a variety of reasons, including a manpower shortage, he was unable to use those days. He cited a prior instance in which Sgt Liller was paid when she was unable to use her days due to a manpower shortage. His request will be on the next agenda.

Danny Whetsell asked why another lock was placed on the gate on the alley behind his house at 405 Meadow Avenue. He said if he does not have a key to the gate then he has no access to his property. Kolb asked Superintendent Ted Nice if he knew anything about it. Nice said Whetsell was given a key when he bought the house so he could move items into the back of his house. However, before he returned the key, Whetsell made one for himself. That caused a problem when he used the alley to take his boat in on the far end of the alley. Since Mayor Taylor had originally said no one was to have keys, Nice said they put another lock on the gate to eliminate any further problems. Whetsell said Mayor Taylor told him that he could use the alley any time he needed to as long as he locked it. Stevens said the City could not deny him access to his property but it was noted he has access through the front. Kolb said he would go over first thing on Tuesday morning to look it over and then consult

with Mayor Taylor. In the meantime, if any of the adjoining property owners need to use the alley, the city crew can unlock it.

In department reports, Nice said the new pump for the pond by Signs & More was received and installed. Fluharty said she distributed the annual financial statements and will answer any questions after everyone reviews them.

Efaw asked if the surveillance cameras were reviewed to see who vandalized the trailhead bathroom. Fluharty said there was some type of problem with the cameras or dvr and the chief could not review them. Council said they want a report on the problem with the camera system and the plans to get it operational at the next meeting.

Nice said the Ford 550 dump truck is down and will not run at all. Corwin Ford said they must tear the engine apart and it will cost between \$2,000 and \$5,000. Nice said it is their plow truck until they get the new one sometime in December or January so they need it. Stevens made the motion to authorize the repairs to the Ford 550. Williams seconded the motion and all approved.

Fluharty presented a list of towns with their day and hours for Trick or Treat. Fletcher made the motion to hold Trick or Treat on October 31 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

The insurance claim on damages to the gymnasium floor was reviewed. The estimated cost to repair the floor was \$35,444.43. There is a \$1,000 deductible but the insurance company will pay for the rest of the repairs. Efaw made the motion to authorize the repairs to the gym floor and the advertisement for bids. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Efaw made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.