

## COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 19, 2016

The second regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall, as mandated by state law. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

Several visitors were present including Orié Ellen Sterling who said a meeting will be held on April 21 at the North Marion Senior Center to discuss the I-68 Project. She invited the mayor and council to attend.

Gary Leeson said he was there again about the noise in Homewood. He is drawing up a petition to ask that the noise ordinance be enforced. Bob Gifford was also present and said barking dogs are also a problem along with the speeders on Meadow Avenue. Mayor Taylor said he will set up a meeting next week with Chief James and the Homewood residents to discuss their concerns. He will notify Leeson so that he can let others know.

Bob Garcia, representing the Mannington Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America, presented information on Operation Sweet Dreams which provides teddy bears to children of deployed military parents which have recorded messages from their parent. He asked the City to consider a donation. It will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Mayor Taylor read Chief James' written report for March in which they received 118 calls for assistance. Fluharty said that solar lights were found at Home Depot for the new welcome signs at a substantial savings. She said Superintendent Ted Nice picked up two at a cost of \$59 per light and they look very nice.

The first item of business was the public hearing on the proposed levy rates for the FY 2016-17 General Fund budget. There were no comments. Kolb made the motion to approve the levy rates as presented. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

There was no old business.

In New Business, the proposal from City Neon for new welcome signs for the Flaggy Meadow and Buffalo Road areas was presented. The signs will be similar to the other welcome signs but they will be on posts. Kolb made the motion to approve City Neon's proposal at a cost of \$3764. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said that Ordinance #419 which abandoned an alley off Summit Drive in Hough Addition earlier this year must be amended since the tax maps that were cited in the original ordinance have been revised. As a result, the lot numbers are not accurate. Stevens made the motion to accept the first reading of amended Ordinance #419. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Since early voting will be taking place in the council chambers from April 27 to May 7, the next council meeting must be moved to another location. Possible sites are the Homewood Fire Station or the North Marion Senior Center.

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

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