

COUNCIL MEETING OF APRIL 3, 2017

The first regular April meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Charlie Kolb, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said they will begin lowering the dam tomorrow and begin patching this week. He will also be meeting with Murray Energy to tour the water tank site at the top of Jefferson Street. Murray Energy plans to mine in the vicinity.

There was no old business.

In new business, the first item was General Fund Budget Revision #5. This revision was necessary to allocate the funds recently received from Murray Energy in exchange for lowering the water level in the Dent's Run Dam. Kolb made the motion to approve GF Budget Revision #5. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

The revision above included funds to purchase a new cruiser so the next item of business was a resolution to authorize the purchase through the State Purchasing Division. Stevens made the motion to purchase a Ford Taurus from Stephens Auto at a cost of approximately \$28,000. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

The agreement with Hach for two annual on-site visits to the chlorine building was reviewed. Efaw made the motion to approve the Hach agreement for \$1123. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The FY 2017-18 budgets for the Water Fund and the Mead Fund were presented for the first reading. Williams made the motion to approve both budgets. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Colton Daft was present from the North Marion DECA Club to see if Council had made a decision about their request for a donation. Kolb made the motion to donate \$500 to the DECA Club. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

A resolution in support of the Miners Protection Act was next on the agenda. Stevens made the motion to adopt the attached resolution urging the US Congress to pass the Miners Protection Act as soon as possible and provide the full measure of benefits these retirees were promised and have earned. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Patrolman Roger Gump has accepted a position with the US Marshall Service and will resign as of April 17, 2017. Efaw made the motion to accept Gump's resignation. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief of Police David James said that Ryan Jolliffe reported to the academy today and will be there for the next 16 weeks. He then asked Council to promote Andrew Schwartz to the full time patrolman position and to hire Justin Wheeler to the part time position. Wheeler was the only applicant, other than Schwartz, who successfully completed all the employment requirements. Stevens made the motion to appoint Schwartz as a full time patrolman effective April 17, 2017. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. Williams then made the motion to hire Justin Wheeler as a part time officer effective immediately. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.