

COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 4, 2017

The first regular December meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, December 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

Visitor Beverly Jones reported on the recent election of officers at the West Augusta Historical Society. She also asked if the City had anyone to serve as their rep on the Board. Taylor said no but asked if she would be willing to serve temporarily until the appointment can be put on the next meeting's agenda. Jones said she would.

In department reports, Chief of Police David James gave the October and November reports in which they received 250 and 230 calls for assistance, respectively. Superintendent Ted Nice detailed the jobs they had completed in the last two weeks. He priced blocks to be used as barriers at the old Wintergarden site. The cost would be \$2850. Efaw asked if the blocks were necessary now since the plans were to contact Randy Watson to see if he would develop a plan to landscape it. It will be discussed later in the meeting.

A public hearing on Ordinance #432 which authorizes the acquisition and construction of additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public sewerage facilities was the next item on the agenda. There were no public comments. Mayor Taylor read the heading of the ordinance. Kolb made the motion to adopt Ordinance #432. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The CSX Facility Encroachment Agreement for a right of way to lay sewer pipe across their property was reviewed. Fletcher made the motion to approve the agreement with CSX. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief James said after interviewing and testing the three candidates for the part time officer position, he is asking that Whitney Metz be hired. Mayor Taylor said he is also recommending Metz to the position. Kolb made the motion to hire Metz subject to a six-month probation. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The last item on the agenda was the blocks for the former Wintergarden site. Taylor said he was contacted by Steve Gabbert from Reclaim who said they needed their fence that is currently around the property. He was to get back with the cost to lease the fence. Fletcher and Efaw both said they wanted to contact Thrasher Engineering to see if they could develop drawings for the site. It was agreed to rent the fence until spring, if feasible, and table any decision on the blocks until they hear from Thrasher. Efaw said he would contact Randy Watson.

The outstanding bills were the final item of business. Kolb made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Kolb said the City should send a thank you note to Ben Fisher for donating this year's Christmas tree. Taylor said he would have a card at the next meeting for everyone to sign.

Shadrick asked if anyone looked at the property at Big Run that is being offered to the City. Taylor said he would call Kris Cinalli to get more details on the property.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.