

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 1, 2016

The first February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, February 1, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. 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.

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Sabrina Fowler, Barry Bledsoe and Debbie Harvey spoke on the Vital Services Levy that will be on the April ballot. Fowler said the levy will raise approximately \$2.1 million and the allocations will be decided by a committee that has already been appointed. All area emergency services will benefit from the levy plus the Marion County Senior Citizens will receive \$150,000 for the first two years of the levy and then it will be reduced. Bledsoe spoke on the need to keep the area fire departments open and functioning. Harvey said three hot/cold trucks are needed to deliver the food to the senior centers and to homebound seniors plus it will help with in-home training expenses and the five vans needed for transportation. A meeting will be held to explain the levy to the voters at the North Marion Senior Center on March 24 at 11:30 a.m. Fowler said she also wanted everyone to know that the Marion County 911 Center is the #1 center in the state.

In Department Reports, Superintendent Ted Nice outlined their work detail for the last two weeks. He said they plowed snow for thirty-seven hours straight. Since there was no place to buy gas during the recent snow storm, a diesel tank was purchased to hold a gas supply. He also said one of the dump trucks is out of service for plowing and hauling blacktop due to safety concerns.

Chief of Police David James gave his January report in which four citations were issued and they received 62 calls for assistance. He also noted that a training event was held and everyone in his department got 16 hours of in-service training.

Mayor Taylor said he recently contacted the State DOH about the lights not burning on the Buffalo Street Bridge and they agreed to fix them. He also noted that Fluharty's office contacted Mon Power about the large bill for the lights on the new bridge and they agreed to adjust the bill once a new reading from Nice was submitted to them. The bill went from over \$600 to \$29.

In New Business, Taylor recommended that Ken Witt be reappointed to the Planning Commission. Stevens made the motion to reappoint Witt to another 3-year term. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor also recommended that Tim Fluharty and Orië Ellen Sterling be appointed to fill two of the three vacancies on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Efaw made the motion to appoint Fluharty and Sterling to 3-year terms on the Board. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Kolb made the motion to pay the bills as presented. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw said he did not ask about permits for ATVs in the last meeting but he does think the city's current ordinance is outdated and he would like to see it reviewed. He said ATVs were everywhere during the recent snow storm. James said most people think that if a state of emergency is declared then you can use your 4-wheelers on city streets but he said that a state of emergency has no bearing on the use of 4-wheelers. James added that most ATV owners do not have property on which to use them so they must go elsewhere and many of them go to private property. Taylor said if they are allowed in town then the City would be condoning the use of them on other people's property.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.