

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 21, 2017

The second regular February meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. Councilmembers in attendance 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.

Zack Dobbins of Bennett & Dobbins reported that the Sanitary Board is recommending that the quote from BB&T for refinancing the two sewer bonds be accepted. He said the refinancing would save the Sanitary Board \$25,000 to \$45,000 over the term of the loan. Fletcher made the motion to accept the recommendation and approve the proposal from BB&T. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. Dobbins said BB&T is a government bank out of Charleston. Mayor Taylor said he received a call from Bill Goettel of First Exchange Bank who said they did not handle such transactions. Dobbins said he would contact Katy Mallory at Steptoe & Johnson to get started immediately on the refinancing.

Two representatives from Joanne Sportsman's Club were present to request a \$1,500 donation. They outlined the activities held by the club and said they would like to add a dock at the dam for the veterans to use. Taylor said the City is working on the next year's budget now and they will take their request under consideration.

Paul Hibbs said the people dropping off their kids to Wonderland are parking on the yellow line by the corner and it makes it very difficult to see to pull out of Baltimore Street. It was agreed to put up new signs and/or paint hash marks there. Mayor Taylor said the police would then enforce the no parking there.

Hope Hibbs presented a letter from her sister to the mayor regarding a complaint against a city employee. Mayor Taylor said it was a personnel matter and he would review and investigate the complaint after the meeting.

Superintendent Ted Nice said he will contact Delbert Shriver at the DEP regarding the draining of Dent's Run Dam to see if there are any restrictions.

In New Business, the Fair Housing Resolution was presented for approval. Mayor Taylor read the resolution which proclaims April as Fair Housing Month in Mannington. Efaw made the motion to adopt the Fair Housing Resolution. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

The Neptune Hardware and Software Maintenance Quote from HD Supply was reviewed. Fluharty said this was an annual renewal that covers the handheld meter reading devices along with the software. Efaw made the motion to approve the quote from HD Supply for \$2943. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said the City's IT guy has recommended that her computer be upgraded since it is the server for the other machines in her office. He has developed a quote on Dell.com for a machine that will be faster and more secure at a cost of \$1,800. Stevens made the motion to approve the purchase of the computer from Dell. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Taylor said he was contacted by Lora Michael of the North Marion Track Boosters regarding a 20 foot telescopic flag pole that they purchased but cannot use. They are offering it to the City for \$354.95 and Taylor said one is sorely needed between the bridges downtown. Kolb made the motion to purchase the pole from the North Marion Track Boosters. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor said a solar light would be purchased to place on top of the pole.

The junk being placed outside of Malone's former location on Market Street was discussed. Taylor said a letter will be sent to the owner summoning him to court since they have been previously warned about this activity.

Ken Fletcher said the properties by his house on Burt Hill are in terrible condition and asked that the code enforcement officer inspect them.

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

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

