

COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2017

The first monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, February 6, 2017 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.

Several Boy Scouts, along with their Troop Leader Mike Efaw, were present as part of their requirement to earn a Communication Merit Badge.

In Department Reports, Chief of Police David James read his January report in which they made six arrests, issued 16 citations and had 101 calls for assistance.

Superintendent Ted Nice detailed the jobs his crew completed during the last two weeks. He reported that they are trying a new asphalt repair material for patching some of the potholes throughout town.

The first item on the agenda was the final reading and public hearing on Ordinance #428 which provides for the refinancing of the two sewer bonds. Kolb made the motion to read the heading only. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. There were no oral or written comments. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #428. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Mayor Taylor recommended that Everett Wolfe and Gary Bowers be reappointed to the Planning Commission. He said they are both valuable members. Stevens made the motion to reappoint Wolfe and Bowers to 3-year terms on the Planning Commission. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

Mayor Taylor and Chief James both recommended that Andrew Schwartz be hired as a part time police officer. James says he comes with a canine that is trained in drug detection and he feels Schwartz and the dog will be assets to his department. Kolb made the motion to accept their recommendation and appoint Schwartz as a part time patrolman. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said the carpet in city hall is over 20 years old and needs replaced. A quote received from Wholesale Carpet was for \$6445 and Taylor said money is available in the General Fund budget. Kolb made the motion to accept the quote from Wholesale Carpet. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #3 was presented for review. Fluharty said the revisions were necessary to allocate the recent insurance claim on the Ford cruiser and to transfer money from the Street Department capital outlay account and Contingency to cover the cost of the new carpet. Fletcher made the motion to approve General Fund Budget Revision #3. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor also noted that Murray Energy has agreed to pay the City \$105,000 to partially drain Dent's Run Dam later this year in order to plug a well that is under it.

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

A budget work session was set for February 13. It will immediately follow Council's meeting at 6:00 p.m. to discuss Jim Gill's grievance.

Stevens made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.