

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2017**

The second regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb and Richard Stevens.

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

Mayor Taylor reported that the final reading and public hearing on Ordinance #428 has been postponed until the February 6 meeting because the public notice was not sent to the newspaper.

The lone visitor was Jim Stewart, past chairman of the Mannington Gym Foundation. He gave a brief report on the Foundation's successes over the last ten years during which they administered over \$200,000 in improvements to the gymnasium. Stewart requested that the Foundation be included in the Park Board's budget each year with monies from the Marion County Board of Education's annual allotment paid to the Park Board for use of the gym. Taylor said they would take that request under consideration during the budget preparation this year. The mayor and council commended the Foundation on the many improvements to the gymnasium. Stevens said blinds are needed now on the windows. Stewart said when he recently resigned from the Foundation, Lenny & Katy Stafford took over as co-chairs.

On another matter, Stewart said he would like to see a plaque put on the Historic Southside Bridge crediting the Bridge Committee for their efforts in getting the new bridge. He said Lotta Neer was especially instrumental in getting the old Clarksburg Street Bridge onto the state's priority list. Stewart said there are plaques on all the other bridges that the committee worked to get funded.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice listed the jobs his men completed during the last two weeks.

In new business, the only item was James Gill's grievance hearing request. A hearing was set for February 6 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Taylor said Donnie White picked up the deed for his property beside the old Wintergarden so his attorney could review it. As soon as it is signed, the demolition notice will go to the newspaper.

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

Councilman Kolb said there are a lot of cars with dead stickers throughout town. He also said the new Monroe Street fire station looks good and urged the other councilmembers to look it over.

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