

COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 20, 2017

The second regular March meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, March 20, 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 visitors were present. Luke Price asked if there had been a final decision on his license application for a salvage/recycling business. Mayor Taylor told him that he had his hearing before the Board of Zoning Appeals and they denied the request. City Council has no say in issuing license. In addition, Taylor said he received a letter from Price's attorney so it cannot be discussed in an open meeting.

Two DECA Club students were present to ask for a sponsorship letter from the City to help fund their trip to Anaheim, California in April. They passed around a binder showing all their community events. Taylor said they would take their request under consideration and it will be on the next meeting's agenda.

Budget requests from outside agencies were heard next. Olive Marie Utt representing the Mannington Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund asked for help with the maintenance of the cemetery. Beverly Jones, president of the West Augusta Historical Society, asked for \$3000 to pay their liability insurance. She said their two main concerns now are the replacement of the museum roof and the drainage at the Round Barn. The estimate to replace the roof was \$32,000. She was given the names of several other contractors to contact for bids. Stevens said the Historical Society's board members should be commended for their hard work and dedication. He added that the parking lot behind the museum needs fixed up since they will no longer be able to park

at the old James Chevrolet lot. He asked for the City's help. Mayor Taylor said that would not be a problem.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice said the 1999 GMC truck is having fuel problems and the estimate from Harry Green to fix it is \$1400. He said if that doesn't correct it, another \$2000 will be needed. After some discussion about the feasibility of repairing the truck, Fletcher made the motion to authorize the \$1400 for the repairs. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Nice then detailed the jobs completed during the last two weeks. Finally, he presented pictures showing the problem they are having with utility vehicles on Summit Drive and around the City's water tank. He said they put \$900 in gravel on the road and it is gone due to the UTVs in that area. It was suggested the Baker children be contacted about the trespassing and damage being done to their property as well.

Chief of Police David James gave his monthly report. He noted they issued 16 citations, made 5 arrests and received 295 calls for assistance in February.

In Old Business, the only item of business was the second and final reading of the General, Fire, and Coal Severance Fund budgets. Kolb made the motion to approve the budgets as presented. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

In New Business, General Fund Budget Revision #4 was presented. Fluharty said it was necessary mainly because the Street Department supplies account is almost depleted and The Health Plan renewal resulted in an increase in premiums. Efaw made the motion to approve Revision #4. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

It was agreed to hold Spring Clean Up Day on April 15 in conjunction with Let's Make It Shine Day. Fletcher made the motion to authorize two dumpsters for that day. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

Floharty asked that Joyce Hall and Phyllis Hearn be appointed as ballot commissions/runners to help with this year's election. Kolb made the motion to appoint Hall and Hearn. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

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

A budget work session will be held April 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Kolb reported that the split rail fence by the Mannington Laundry needs taken down or replaced. Nice said they would take care of it.

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