

COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2015

The first November meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, November 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Kenneth Fletcher, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

There were no visitor comments.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work schedule since the last meeting. Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton gave his report for the period of September 15 to October 15. He said he issued 43 notices of violation. Fluharty said Accountant Jeremy Drennen is scheduled to begin work on the City's pre-audit financial report on November 5.

Todd Swanson of Steptoe & Johnson was present to give a brief outline of the need for a sewer rate increase for the proposed Sewer Plant Upgrade/North Marion Extension Project. The services agreement with Steptoe & Johnson was approved in a motion by Williams with Fletcher seconding the motion. Everyone voted aye. Fluharty said the funds would come from the grant/loan monies.

Dave Watson of Thrasher Engineering told Council that the Sewer Project will cost \$2.8 million with \$1.4 going to upgrade the plant and \$725,000 to the extension to North Marion High School. The Marion County Board of Education has already donated \$620,000 toward that extension. Watson said the plans are finished and have been submitted to the WV Department of Health for review.

The first reading of Ordinance #421 to increase the sewer rates was the next item on the agenda. Williams made the motion to read the heading only. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. Williams made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #421. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. A public hearing will be held during the next November meeting.

Ordinance #422 which provides for the sale of surplus City property was the next item of business. Mayor Taylor read the ordinance in its entirety.

Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #422. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said the steering in the Ford Explorer cruiser needs repaired at a cost of approximately \$1800. Stevens made the motion to authorize the cruiser repairs. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said the shredder in her office has quit working. It was sent to the garage but they were unable to fix it. She found a new one at Staples for approximately \$2600. Williams made the motion to purchase the shredder at Staples. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor reported that this year's renewal of the City's insurance through The Health Plan was calling for an increase of \$32,000 plus in premiums. He and Fluharty reviewed the options and met with the City's insurance broker. They agreed that the switch to an HMO from a PPO would save the City approximately \$28,000 plus the employees' benefits would not be reduced. Fletcher made the motion to accept The Health Plan renewal with the switch to the HMO Silver Plan. Stevens seconded the motion and all approved.

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

The lone bid for the replacement of the roof and gutters on the old City Hall was opened. The bid was from R&R Services for \$28,000. Taylor said it will be on the next meeting's agenda.

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