

## COUNCIL MEETING OF OCTOBER 16, 2017

The first regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, October 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

Visitor Gary "Beanie" Leeson asked about a 15 mph sign on Woodland Drive. Taylor said the City has a 25-mph limit on all city streets. Leeson then suggested that the City request help from the Marion County Sheriff's Department in fighting the growing drug problem in Mannington. Taylor said he would call Riffle to set up a meeting.

In the chief's absence, Taylor read the police department's September report in which they made five arrests, issued six citations and received 294 calls for assistance. If more manpower is needed, Councilman Kolb asked if there are any grants available to hire an additional police officer. Taylor said they are in the process of finding another part time officer.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was the first reading of Ordinance #431 which removes the tax exemption for fairs and festivals. Taylor read the ordinance in its entirety. Kolb then made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #431. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Randy Elliott read a statement in support of Ordinance #431.

The renewal of the employee's health insurance premium was tabled until the next meeting.

The next item of business was Ordinance #432 which authorizes the acquisition and construction of certain additions, betterments and improvements to the existing public sewerage facilities of the City and the financing of the cost through the issuance of bonds. Kolb made the motion to read the heading only of Ordinance #432. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. Efaw made the motion to accept the first reading of Ordinance #432. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved. John Stump of Steptoe & Johnson was present to answer any questions. He said, as required for bond ordinances, there

will be two more readings on November 6 and December 4. A public hearing will be held on December 4 also.

The following bids were received at the public auction held on October 14:

Jim Rigsby \$50 for the Lexmark printer

Randy Hosey \$600 for the Dodge Charger

Scott Miller \$2500 for the 1987 GMC Dump Truck

Randy Hosey \$1100 for the 1999 GMC Utility Truck

Shadrick made the motion to accept the above bids received at the public auction. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

EQT's recent donation of \$10,000 to help with the flood recovery was discussed. Taylor said he would like to get quotes to rewire the downtown lights which were damaged in July's flood and to replace the globes. Kolb made the motion to authorize the downtown lighting project and the securing of at least three quotes. Efav seconded the motion and it carried.

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

Fletcher made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.