

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, September 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb and Ray Shadrick.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the last regular meeting and they stood approved as read. Kolb asked if the issue with the officers going home while on duty was addressed. The mayor said he assumed the chief talked to them. Shadrick said he checked on the street light request in Homewood and in his opinion, another light is not needed.

There were no visitors.

The only item under Old Business was the 2nd reading of Ordinance #430. Taylor read the ordinance in its entirety. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #430. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The auction will take place on October 14.

Fall Clean-Up Day was the first item under New Business. Shadrick made the motion to hold the Clean-Up Day on October 21 and to get two dumpsters from Mannington Refuse. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor said they are not ready to recommend anyone for the Laborer I position yet. They are still conducting background checks.

Chief James' recommendation to hire Justin Wheeler as a full-time patrolman was read. Taylor said he concurred with James' recommendation. Kolb made the motion to accept the recommendation to hire Wheeler to fill the full-time patrolman position subject to a six-month probation. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

The right of way agreement with EQT was the final item under New Business. Fletcher made the motion to approve the agreement with EQT for water from the Dent's Run Dam at the rate of Seven Dollars per thousand gallons for all water removed. In addition, EQT shall pay an annual rental fee in the amount of \$6,800 for the use of the former water plant property as a staging area. The initial term of the agreement is one year beginning September 1, 2017, but EQT may extend it for

an additional two-year term, per the agreement. Fletcher made the motion to approve the agreement with EQT. Shadrick seconded the motion and all approved.

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

Kolb said the downtown lights are still not working.

Efaw asked about the plans for the lot across from the post office where the Wintergarden was razed. He suggested the lot be seeded so there would be some green space downtown. Taylor said they were going to pave it but he will ask Randy Watson to draw up some plans to incorporate both ideas.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.