

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Kenneth Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

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

Mayor Taylor reported that he and Fluharty attended the recent FEMA meeting in Fairmont and while there, Chris McIntire said they may have the funds to purchase a new siren for the Fire Department.

Eva Yoho, representing the Mannington Fair Board, read a statement in response to Randy Elliott's recent comments regarding the Board. She said the b&o tax ordinance is an issue between the City and Gambil Amusements and the issue of the fee paid to the Park Board is between those two boards. She added that they believe the fair is good for business and they want to be a partner with the City. She said if anyone has an issue with the Fair Board, they should come to them first.

Gary "Beanie" Leeson asked why the City is paying officers to go home when they are duty. He said this has been brought to the City's attention previously. Taylor said they will address the issue.

In department reports, Superintendent Ted Nice detailed their work the last two weeks. Chief of Police David James gave the August report in which he said they issued twenty-four citations and received 341 calls for assistance.

The first item of New Business was the Drug-Free Workplace Resolution. Taylor said this was a USDA requirement before they will approve the funds for the upcoming North Marion sewer extension project. Kolb made the motion to adopt the resolution. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

An amendment to the engagement letter between the City and Steptoe & Johnson was reviewed. This was also in reference to the upcoming sewer project. Williams made the motion to approve the amendment to the engagement letter which includes the \$20,000 fee. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved.

Taylor said Main Street President Jim Rigsby asked if they could have the old furnace at the water plant to put in the old depot. The plant has been closed since

2008 and the furnace is no longer needed. Shadrick made the motion to donate the furnace to Mannington Main Street. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

The request for a street light in Homewood was tabled until it can be checked out a little further.

Ordinance #430 which provides for the sale of surplus property was presented for its first reading. Fletcher made the motion to read the heading only. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. The date of the auction was set for October 14. Fletcher made the motion to accept the first reading. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

A resolution in support of the development of Route 2 and 1-68 Road Projects through the WV Roads Amendment was the final item in New Business. Fletcher made the motion to approve the resolution as presented. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Kolb made the motion to pay the bills. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

As a special request from Ernie Michael, Taylor asked Council to approve 4-wheelers in the funeral procession for Michael's grandson. Shadrick made the motion to grant permission for the 4-wheelers to drive through town during the funeral procession. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

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

A work session will be held on September 18 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss property maintenance issues.