

COUNCIL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

The first regular September meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Council members attending were Denny Efaw, Ken Fletcher, Charlie Kolb, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

In the visitors' portion of the meeting, Judy Efaw and Beverly Jones, representing the West Augusta Historical Society, thanked the City for this year's budget allotment. They showed pictures of the office renovation at the museum and said they now have a phone there also. Jones said they have been featured in the WV State Journal as one of the 55 Good Things in WV.

Ray Shadrick asked for a donation to North Marion High School Girls' Softball. He said they are in the midst of a massive fundraising effort for an indoor batting and pitching facility. Shadrick said they may go in with North Marion Baseball and use the existing facility but they will need to lengthen it. Kolb made the motion to donate \$500 to the NMHSGS. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Teresa Price asked if a building permit was issued for her neighbor's garage. Fluharty said it was. Price then questioned the width of Tannery Street. Taylor said he will check with the code enforcement officer when he comes up on Wednesday.

County Commissioner Randy Elliott said the Mayors on the Move will be having a picnic/meeting on September 30 at Palatine Park and the city officials are invited to attend. On a personal matter, Elliott left a mockup of the proposed sign for the new Historic Southside Bridge. He said the mayor has recommended a bronze plaque in place of the traditional green sign but he would like council to look over the mockup so they can decide.

In department reports, Assistant Superintendent Dennis Hayes presented pictures of a used bucket truck that they would like to purchase for \$5,000 from Buddy Haines. Hayes said the existing truck is no longer safe to use. The money has been budgeted for the truck. Stevens made the motion to authorize the purchase of the bucket truck from Haines for \$5,000. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Chief of Police David James said August was a quiet month for his department. They had three arrests, issued ten citations and received 97 calls for assistance.

The first item of New Business was the Fall Clean-Up Day. Kolb made the motion to set the Clean-Up Day for October 10 and to authorize two dumpsters for that day. Efaw seconded the motion and it carried.

General Fund Budget Revision #2 was the next item on the agenda. Mayor Taylor said the revision was necessary because the City finally got the money from Marion County Coal Company. Part of the money will be used to pave Pyles Avenue since the MCCC's trucks have been damaging it. Efaw made the motion to approve General Fund Budget Revision #2 as presented. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor asked each council member to look around their precincts to see if they have any needed improvements that could be funded with the contingency monies.

The Police Department's proposed Glock pistol package with trade with Witmer Public Safety Group was explained by Chief James. They will be getting new guns plus holsters and magazine pouches. He said he would also like to trade their 40 caliber ammo for 45 caliber ammo. The total package would be approximately \$2900. Stevens made the motion to approve the trade package with Witmer for the police department. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

A resolution asking the DEA to assign Tactical Diversion Squad personnel to its offices in Northern District of WV to help combat the increasing problem with prescription drugs was reviewed. Taylor said all the municipalities in this area are being asked to pass a similar resolution. Williams made the motion to adopt the resolution. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried.

Kolb made the motion to pay the outstanding bills as the money is available. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Efaw made the motion to adjourn. Kolb seconded the motion and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.