

## **COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015**

The first regular January meeting of Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members present were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, 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 comments from the visitors.

In Department Reports, Chief of Police David James gave his December report. He said they received 119 calls for assistance during the month. He also noted that Frank Wright, who recently graduated from the police academy, scored 91% scholastically and 82% in shooting.

Street & Water Superintendent Ted Nice reported that a representative from Rural Water Association will be coming up Thursday to help with solutions to the ongoing water violations. Nice said one solution may revolve around the water storage in the City's tanks since only two days storage is required and we currently store four days.

The first item on the agenda was the public hearing on Ordinance #417 which provides for an increase in the sewer rates. Mayor Taylor explained why the increase was necessary and asked if there were any questions. Starsick made the motion to read the heading only. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. There was no public comment. Williams made the motion to adopt Ordinance #417. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

Taylor reported on the meeting with the DOT officials regarding the Clarksburg Street Bridge Project. The bridge is scheduled to be closed on Sunday, January 25. The projected completion date is the end of October 2015. Taylor said Ohio Bridge Corporation, the contractor on the project, has signed an option for the Mollohan Building for a year. Their work hours will be between 7:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays only.

In New Business, the only item on the agenda was drug testing for City employees. Since Councilman Smith asked for this item to be placed on the agenda, Taylor turned it over to him. Smith said everyone else is doing it so he thought the City should have a policy. Taylor and Starsick said they were concerned about the costs. Williams said she agreed that the wording should be put in the employee handbook so that it could be implemented if there is an

accident or some other event warrants it. However, she did not feel it was necessary for everyone. It would depend on the job. It was the general consensus that pre-employment testing should be standard policy. Taylor said he will report back to Council after checking with the city attorney and other agencies for guidelines. Visitor Nancy Yost suggested the wording be put in the handbook for random testing but not make it a requirement. It could be used as needed.

Starsick asked about the swinging bridge and Taylor said he had no new information. Starsick said he would talk to Greg White.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Starsick made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Smith seconded the motion and all approved.

Starsick made the motion to adjourn. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.