

COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 5, 2015

The first regular January meeting of the Mannington City Council with Mayor James Taylor presiding was held Monday, January 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Council members attending were Charlie Kolb, Larry Smith, Terry Starsick, Richard Stevens and Becky Williams.

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

There were no visitors.

In department reports, Fluharty advised council that Elaine Bland, the city's custodian, will be off on medical leave for six to eight weeks. Cleaning Express will be filling in while she is off.

In Old Business, Taylor said he, along with Kolb and Building Commission Chairman Sam Stillings, will be attending the pre-demolition meeting at the DOT's District Four office in Clarksburg to discuss the re-routing of traffic when the Clarksburg Street Bridge Project begins. He added that Ohio Bridge Corporation, the contractor on the project, is interested in renting the Mollohan Building from Mannington Main Street for use during the project.

In New Business, a letter from Chief of Police David James recommending Frank Wright's employment as a permanent employee was read. Wright graduated from the Police Academy last month and has successfully completed his probation. Stevens made the motion to approve Wright for permanent employment. Smith seconded the motion and it carried.

Ordinance #417 which provides for an eight percent increase in the City's sewer rates was the final item on the agenda. Williams made the motion to read the heading only. Kolb seconded the motion and it carried. Taylor read the heading. Stevens asked how much of an increase would be asked for in the second phase.

Fluharty said it would be a 19% increase at this point. Kolb made the motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance #417. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty said a legal ad will be published this week advising the public of the hearing to be held prior to the final reading at the next council meeting plus she sent an article to Judy Carson to put in her column in the Times-West Virginian. Stevens said he thought Council should receive copies of the Sanitary Board meeting minutes so Council will be aware of what is going on with them. Taylor said Fluharty has already begun providing the minutes to council.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Starsick made the motion to pay the outstanding bills. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried.

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