

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on February 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Joe Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2014.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 21, 2014, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, asked why meter tickets are not being given to vehicles by Bob's Lunch. Chief Mitchell advised the meter near Bob's Lunch was removed at the discretion of the City Manager.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Section 731 of the City Code Concerning Pawnbrokers. (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 731 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SECONDHAND DEALERS AND PAWNBROKERS IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood moved to accept and approve the above ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Review of Goals by Councilperson Wood.

Councilperson Wood suggested that council keep the five established goals on the forefront. One goal being to pursue the Ambulance Service. Chief Clarke noted he is still gathering figures, a potential schedule and a report from Marshall County 911; the Transfer Station. Street Commissioner Richmond reported he is gathering more information and hopes other cities will use the station. The city will have to obtain a Landfill Permit in order to install a transfer station. Councilperson D. Haynes moved to place on the finance committee agenda, discussion of transfer station, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously. Third goal was to develop a council members handbook. Councilperson Wood suggested that council review the Elected Official Handbook that is provided by the WV Municipal League; Complete the Comprehensive Plan in which a meeting was held last week along with the Planning Commission; and lastly prepare and submit the Home Rule Plan. Meetings are ongoing to prepare the Home Rule application.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson D. Haynes asked CPA Kathryn Goddard about \$60,000 that was given to the Moundsville Parks & Recreation. Ms. Goddard said did not have that information at this moment but she will get back with him at next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappointment to the Moundsville Zoning Appeals Board.

City Manager Hess announced board member Robert Mobley wishes to be reappointed to the Zoning Appeals Board. This would leave two vacancies one is to replace Ricky Young who does not wish to serve and Carl Boso who has fulfilled his two consecutive terms.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to reappoint Robert Mobley to the Zoning Appeals Board, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting the city to offer at fair market value property owned by Mr. & Mrs. Hartley across from the Riverfront Shelter, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Wood made a motion to reserve a room for the WV Municipal League Conference for “If I Were Mayor” essay winner Ryan Cunningham and his parents, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke commended the Drug Task Force on the arrests over the weekend. He then asked who was responsible for paying for the individuals jail fees. Chief Mitchell explained the county will pay for jail board on Magistrate arrests. The defendants are responsible for paying jail fees on city charges.

* Councilperson Remke requested Attorney White to draft a “Hold Harmless Agreement” for the city to sign when the Street Department helps install the murals on Jefferson Avenue. Attorney White stated the city would not be responsible because the murals are not a city project. Councilperson D. Haynes said he was not aware the city workers were going to be involved other than operating the bucket truck.

* After discussion, Councilperson Remke made a motion to review the city’s ordinance book, with no second, the motion failed. Councilperson Remke then made a motion to discuss at the policy committee the penalty for dog waste on Jefferson Avenue, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Remke and DeWitt voting yea. D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders voting nay. Motion failed.

* Councilperson Remke asked council for financial support for a \$20,000 National Fish and Wildlife Service grant for a Tribute Memorial Park project. This grant will help establish a therapeutic garden, to improve water quality at Parris Run, to connect Moundsville to the Rails to Trails network and to provide educational opportunities, to beautify Moundsville and include this into the Comprehensive Plan.

* Councilperson Remke announced that he was meeting with Department of Highways concerning authorization to install Steel Kiosk (informational signs) on Jefferson Avenue. Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss at the traffic meeting to obtain the city’s authorization to install these signs, seconded by D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke reported the street sign at 7th & Baker Avenue has been removed.

* Councilperson Remke asked how the city is addressing the snow removal situation of the streets compared to surrounding city’s. Street Commissioner Richmond commented that Moundsville Street Department can only store 150 ton of salt in their building. He has tried to save manpower and money but the snow got ahead of us.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess presented a letter from Mr. James Stultz commending the city on their website.

* Manager Hess believes the Street Department did the best job they could considering the

amount of snow, ice and freezing rain this area received. She received a couple of calls concerning problems that were addressed by the Street Department. Mrs. Hess advised any citizen with complaints or problems should call her at the Moundsville City Building, 304 845 6300.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders made a motion to discuss at the policy meeting to relinquish the Sanford Center over to the Sanford Board, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Saunders asked who pays the street department wages when they are performing jobs for Jefferson Avenue projects? Councilperson Wood commented if the job requires overtime, the group who is asking for the city services needs to pay the overtime costs. Councilperson Simms moved to send this discussion to the policy committee, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance meeting scheduled for February 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Policy meeting will follow the finance meeting

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DeWitt** - Nothing at this time.

* **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

* **D. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

* **Remke** - Wished to thank everyone for condolences of his sister & the gift that was sent.

* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

* **Simms** - Congratulations to Mayor Saunders for his title of Lions Club District Governor.

Councilperson Simms moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor