

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JULY 15, 2014**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on July 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Gene 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, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of July 1, 2014.

Councilperson Wood requested a correction on page 3 line 36 should read, "Vice Mayor Wood" not "Mayor Saunders".

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 1, 2014, as amended, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Carmin Pratti-Miller, AEP - Presentation to the Skateboard Park.

Carmin Pratti-Miller of American Electric Power presented Mayor Gene Saunders with a check in the amount of \$2,000.00 for equipment at the skateboard park at East End.

* Bob Roberts, 91 N Highland Avenue, said the kids riding ATV's have settled down but he's afraid they are going to start up again.

Chief Mitchell assured Mr. Roberts they have been patrolling the area more.

* Suzanne Park, MEDC, speaking on behalf of Marshall County Tourism Committee, asking for monetary support from the City of Moundsville as they are organizing a Tourism Committee.

* Joni Grubler, Sleep Inn Motel, spoke on behalf of the Marshall County Tourism Committee, also asked for financial support from council.

* Councilperson David Haynes wanted to thank Ms. Carmin Pratti-Miller for the donation to the skateboard park, it was greatly appreciated.

* Dennis Kidd, 1215 Second Street, commented that he has been passed the skateboard park several times but sees nobody using it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Re-establishing a Municipal Building Commission. (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 RE-CREATING AND RE-ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the ordinance re-establishing the Municipal Building Commission, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Remke voting nay. Motion carried.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood noted the Fostoria property is looking better.

* Councilperson Remke said council approved the City Manager to send letters to Senator Kessler, Delegate Ferro and Evans inviting them to meet in the council chambers to discuss extending First Street to Route 2. Since the letters were not sent, he made a motion to do the same, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke reported junk cars are still on Delno Thayers property at Second Street & Washington Avenue. Vehicles have been there for years. Attorney White informed Councilperson Remke that Mr. Thayer has a business that permits him to park vehicles there. Mr. Remke feels that Mr. Thayer should not be able to park junk vehicles on that property without proper registration and inspection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Revision #1.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Revision, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2014-2015 Coal Severance Fund Budget Revision #1.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the resolution for the 2014-2015 Coal Severance Fund, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Lease Renewal for Sanford Center.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to renew the lease agreement with Sanford Center, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

After some discussion of selling the Sanford Center Property, Councilperson Simms made a motion to discuss this matter at the policy meeting, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointments to the Moundsville Building Commission.

Manager Hess reported five citizens have been appointed to the new Moundsville Building Commission. The members are: David Rickman, 5 year term; Jack Huntsman, 4 year term; Jim Cunningham, 3 year term; Mary Tennant, 2 year term; Phyllis Haynes, 1 year term.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the appointments of the Building Commission, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Remke voting nay. Motion carried.

Discussion of Soap Box Derby.

After a lengthy discussion, council member decided not proceed with the Soap Box Derby due to the cost of preparation.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms reported Blazers Auto Body has vehicles parked on his lot that kids have busted out the windows. Chief Mitchell said he would speak with Blazers on the matter.

* Councilperson Wood asked if City Manager has advertised to sell the city scales? Chief Mitchell reported that Powhatan Police Department may be interested in purchasing the scales.

* Councilperson Remke announced he was excited to see dirt being moved at the Fostoria property.

* Councilperson Remke asked if they have proper permits for moving the fill dirt. Manager Hess noted that the Building Inspectors and Larry Bonar involved and overseeing the project.

* Councilperson Remke asked that Mountaineer Gas use color-crete when repairing Jefferson Avenue sidewalk.

* Councilperson Remke asked if council was going to address the letter brought by Councilperson D. Haynes banning ATV's from city limits only to be used for snow removal. Councilperson Wood commented that City Code has enough recourse for city police to charge the individual for riding on city streets.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to discuss these changes at the policy committee meeting, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 years, 1 nay. Simms voting nay. Motion carried.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Re-Appointment to the Moundsville Housing Authority. (Manager's Appointment)

Manager Hess announced that she re-appointed Dorothy Petros to the Moundsville Housing Authority.

* Manager Hess received a thank you letter from Lottie Durbin, Relay for Life, to the Street Department for their assistance in hanging banners.

* Business After Hours will be held on July 24, 2014 from 5-7 p.m., at the Sleep Inn Motel and catered by Alexanders on 7th. Council members wishing to attend must call Marilyn.

* Manager Hess wished to thank Councilperson David Wood, Councilperson David Haynes and Mayor Saunders for their assistance in helping re-appoint members to the Moundsville Building Commission.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders wished to thank council members for their support during his achievement to the District Governor of the Lions Club.

* Mayor Saunders wished to thank Carmin Pratti-Miller for the AEP donation to the skatepark.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Purchasing a Durapatcher. Committee recommend to put out for bid.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to put out for bid a durapatcher, seconded by Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Request for Program Advertising to John Marshall Marching Monarchs. Committee recommends to donate \$50.00.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to donate \$50.00 to JM Marching Monarchs program, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Request for Donation to Marshall County Youth Club. Committee recommends donate \$50.00.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the Marshall County Youth Club, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of Request for Donation to John Marshall Softball. Committee recommends donate \$50.00.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to donate \$50.00 to the John Marshall Softball, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Discussion of Request from Marshall County Tourism Committee to a portion of the Hotel/Motel Tax. Committee recommend donating \$50.00.

After lengthy discussion, Councilperson Wood moved to donate \$4,000.00 to help start a Marshall County Convention & Visitors Bureau, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Remke moved to table this until more funding is available. With lack of a second the motion failed.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

- * **DeWitt** - Announced that Busy Beaver Manager said his store front was open for any organization that wants to hold a car show or fundraiser.
- * **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.
- * **D. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.
- * **Remke** - Nothing at this time.

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

* **Simms** - Congratulations to Mayor Saunders for his appointment as the District Governor of the Lions Club.

* Chief Clarke informed council the new fire truck was on site if council members wanted to look at it.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Mayor

Eugene Saunders, Sr.,