

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
2 **DECEMBER 1, 2009**

3 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on December 1,
4 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

5 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

6 Invocation given by Councilperson K Mark Simms. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence
7 was observed for the slain police officers of Tacoma, Washington.

8 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt,
9 Haynes, Saunders, Simms, Wallace, Young and Mayor Wood. Also present: Acting City Manager Hess,
10 Police Chief Kudlak, Firefighter Kimple, Working Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Wise, CPA
11 Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White and Acting Clerk Ankrom. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt
12 (vacation).

13 **MINUTES:**

14 **Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 2009.**

15 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Council meeting of November
16 17, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

17 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

18 **A. GAB Enterprises – Fostoria Project**

19 Harold Games, of GAB Enterprises, presented a written progress report to Council, which correlated to
20 a site map showing the progress of each building. This same report was given to the Municipal Building
21 Commission on November 18, 2009. Mr. Games noted that the Department of Environmental Protection
22 has “signed off on” the cross-contaminated area and has also finally given permission to begin clean up
23 of the fire damage on the 1st Street side of the administration building. Mr. Games noted that, in order
24 for progress to move along smoothly, the DEP, Environmental Protection Agency, and State Health
25 Department regulations must be strictly followed, as well as the guidelines of the brownfield grant. Mr.
26 Games stated that he was informed the bid documents for demolition of two buildings and removal of
27 galbestos roofing should be ready by the end of December. Mayor Wood emphasized the importance of
28 City Council getting “first hand” information on the progress of the project so that they can respond to
29 citizens' concerns. Mr. Games anticipates demolition to be complete by spring, depending on how grant
30 money is expended and dependability of contractors working other aspects of the project. Mr. Games
31 also noted that, although most of the original tenants have lost interest, he still has some prospects for
32 the location. Mr. Games expressed concern that the building designated to house the prospective Artisan
33 Center could be damaged when a connecting building is demolished. Discussion was held on ways to
34 demolish the remaining smoke stack. Mayor Wood suggested that Mr. Games speak to the City Manager
35 regarding concerns about the 1st Street sidewalk remaining open while work crews move closer to that
36 side. Attorney White confirmed that the Fostoria deed paperwork has been recorded at the county
37 courthouse. Discussion was held on providing accurate project information to Council, as well as to the
38 news media.

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40 No one else wished to address Council.

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42 **OLD BUSINESS:**

43 **Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to the Handicapped Parking Policy (Second**
44 **Reading)**

1 Attorney White read the ordinance by title only:

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3 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO AMEND AND REENACT**
4 **SECTIONS 361.06 OF THE MOUNDSVILLE CODE TO PROVIDE RULES AND**
5 **PROCEDURES FOR GRANTING OR DENYING REQUESTS FOR PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL**
6 **HANDICAPPED PARKING PERMITS; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TWO-HOUR LIMIT FOR**
7 **PUBLIC HANDICAPPED PARKING (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

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9 Councilperson Simms made the motion to approve the ordinance on second reading, seconded by
10 Councilperson Haynes. Mayor Wood called for a roll call vote; Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the
11 following tally: 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

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13 Councilperson Saunders made the motion to appoint Police Chief Kudlak as Council's designee, as
14 allowed by section (b); seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Chief Kudlak was agreeable to this. Mayor
15 Wood called for a roll call vote; Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: 7 yeas. Motion
16 carried unanimously.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS:**

19 To express thanks to all City departments for the excellent job they do, Councilperson Simms made a
20 motion to follow Governor Manchin's lead by giving City employees the full day of December 24th off
21 as a holiday. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Saunders and carried unanimously.

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23 Councilperson Saunders informed that the Parks & Recreation Board voted on November 25 to award to
24 A E Pelley the job of installing a new boiler at Four Seasons Pool, as the hot water tank, which is four
25 years old, is not working. A purchase order will be issued so that installation can move forward,
26 hopefully within just a few days. When Vice Mayor Wallace questioned the finances, CPA Goddard
27 confirmed that the Pool budget will have to be revised, as this was not a planned capital expenditure.

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29 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council**

30 Nothing was discussed.

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32 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

- 33 • Acting Manager Hess noted that Manager Hendershot intends to appoint Dennis Kidd to the Planning
34 Commission, as his was the only letter of interest received.
- 35 • Acting Manager Hess reminded Council of the Business After Hours on Thursday at 5:00, to be
36 followed by the Christmas Tree Auction. Members were asked to please call Secretary Kaufman to
37 confirm their attendance.
- 38 • Acting Manager Hess noted that Abraham & Company is having their Open House on Friday from
39 4:00 to 7:00 PM.
- 40 • Police Chief Kudlak read a letter from James Iaconis of Sandy Avenue, commending Officers Carr
41 and Sayman on their prompt response and concern during a welfare check.
- 42 • Acting Manager Hess noted that demolition has started on 711 1st Street.

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44 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 45 • Mayor Wood commented that the Christmas parade “seemed to go very well.”

- 1 • Mayor Wood updated that concrete has been poured around the sewer line on 1st Street, between Pine
2 and Poplar Avenues, as per State requirements. The Sanitary Board confirmed that there are no holes
3 or problems with the main line.
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- 5 • Mayor Wood reminded citizens to be aware of traffic change at 5th Street and Jefferson Avenues.
6 Traffic seems to be moving along for now.
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- 8 • Mayor Wood stated that the Sanford committee is still meeting but not working on any major projects
9 until after Christmas. That committee will be discussing future plans with Council at a later date.
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- 11 • Mayor Wood referenced enclosed paperwork discussing the Post Office reasoning for closing the
12 Wheeling branch.
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- 14 • Mayor Wood noted that Operation Lifesaver training will be held tomorrow for several police and
15 fire officers.
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- 17 • Mayor Wood encouraged members to complete the short WV Municipal Legislative Issue Survey
18 and return to the City Clerk's Office by Thursday.
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- 20 • Mayor Wood expressed a desire to get more positive PR about the City in the local newspapers.
21 Mayor Wood would like to highlight different departments and issues they are working on, and have
22 publications at least every couple of weeks. Should no one else wish to draft them, Mayor Wood is
23 willing to take suggestions and write the articles.
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25 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

26 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

27 Vice Mayor Wallace called a Finance Meeting for December 8, 2009 at 5:00 PM.

28 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

29 Councilperson Simms noted that there is nothing on the Traffic Committee agenda; however, they will
30 meet immediately following Finance.

31 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

32 Mayor Wood scheduled a Policy Committee meeting immediately following Traffic.

33 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

34 ***Haynes** – Explained that residents of the “Campground area” wish to have a sign posted at the one-way
35 street to deter traffic. Foreman Stocklask noted that signs were posted just a few months ago.
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37 * **Saunders** – Asked that graffiti on the Yellow Cab building be cleaned up. This issue will be referred
38 to Manager Hendershot.

39 * Asked again that the street sweeper run on Curtis Avenue. Resident is also complaining of leaves
40 blocking sewer at the 3rd Street and Curtis Avenue intersection.

41 * Requested that Chief Kudlak send more patrols around Jackson Street and Poplar Avenue to monitor the
42 stop sign. He has noticed some cars not stopping at this intersection.

43 * Asked Foreman Stocklask to address the curb at 1705 3rd Street.

1 * **DeWitt** – Noted the dilapidated house at 1109 7th Street.
2 * Has received neighbor complaints about grass needing cut at 10th Street and Washington Avenue,
3 behind the Prison.
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5 **Simms** – Gave Councilperson Haynes time to convey a request, to Foreman Stocklask, that the street
6 sweeper be run more frequently on Highland Avenue.
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8 * **Wallace** – Commented that the traffic light on 10th Street is on the walk cycle and needs looked at.
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10 * **Young** - Received complaints about 5th Street and Jefferson Avenue traffic pattern change.
11 * Thanked the Street Department for their patching work.
12 * Thanked all City departments for their hard work.
13 Brief discussion was held on the annual Christmas “party” that is held at the Street Department garage.
14 Foreman Stocklask noted that the tentative date is December 18.
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16 Councilperson Young made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Meeting
17 adjourned at 7:41 PM.

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20 Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor