

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**  
2 **NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on  
5 November 3, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Invocation was given by Councilman Hendershot, who asked for a moment of silence in honor  
10 of Mayor Wood, who was in a serious car wreck earlier in the day.

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12 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance:  
13 DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, and Vice Mayor Saunders. Also  
14 present were City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Firefighter Brandon, Public Works  
15 Director Stocklask, CPA Goddard, and Attorney White. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt  
16 (vacation).

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18 **DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**  
19 **Regular Council Meeting of October 20, 2015**

20 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was  
21 seconded by Councilperson Simms and carried unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

24 \* **Frank Boso Jr of 1208 Purdy Avenue** asked who was responsible for cleaning up the 13<sup>th</sup>  
25 Street Docks. It was confirmed the Recreation Department should be maintaining the docks on  
26 a regular basis.

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28 Mr. Boso is opposed to the implementation of a Municipal Sales Tax, and wanted to make sure  
29 residents would be notified of any ordinance readings. Attorney White noted the ordinances are  
30 not complete but will be advertised in advance of appearing on the Council Agenda.

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32 Mr. Boso commented on how “generic” tonight's Council Agenda was. Residents should be  
33 made aware, in advance, of any business to be discussed and voted upon by City Council.

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35 \* **Christopher Thomas of 1701 3<sup>rd</sup> Street** informed Council of continual parking problems  
36 around the Sanford Center, even with patrons using the rear lot. Mr. Thomas asked whether the  
37 fence will be removed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street side, when the parking lot is expanded; and, if that is used  
38 as an access point, two to three more street parking spots will be lost. Mr. Thomas does not  
39 believe events at the Center are being regulated properly. Two events held at the Center in  
40 October caused noise until very late in the night; and Mr. Thomas witnessed individuals urinating  
41 in the rear parking lot. During the October 24 event, Mr. Thomas called the Police Department.  
42 He was told an officer responded; however, loud music continued until after 1:00 in the morning.

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44 Councilman Hendershot thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments and invited him to attend the  
45 Sanford Board meeting on Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Councilman Hendershot reminded those

1 present that parking has always been an issue in that area, even when Sanford still operated as a  
2 school. And neither of the events mentioned were “sponsored” by the Sanford Board.

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4 \* **Edward Norris of 2309 1<sup>st</sup> Street** read his letter of opposition to the proposed Sales Tax. Mr.  
5 Norris doesn't think City Council has any idea of how much money is taken in, and the “rain tax”  
6 charged to residents is a joke. Mr. Norris encouraged Council to pursue action against dilapidated  
7 property owners, and use the funds for something more worthwhile, such as for Police Officers  
8 who put their lives on the line every day.

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10 Vice Mayor Saunders commented on Mayor Wood's car wreck and asked all to keep Mayor Wood  
11 and his family in their prayers.

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13 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

15 \* Councilwoman DeWitt had previously asked Chief Mitchell for more patrols at the riverfront,  
16 as youths were congregating there. Vice Mayor Saunders commented Mr. Conner did say that it  
17 cleared up for a while, but the issues are resuming.

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19 \* Councilman Hendershot asked about having a representative from Project RED attend a  
20 meeting; and Manager Hess confirmed there would be someone at next week's Committee  
21 meeting.

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23 \* Councilman Hendershot asked about progress on the Sweep Account, which Manager Hess  
24 and Treasurer Ankrom are looking into.

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26 \* Councilperson Hendershot asked about Mrs. Rodgers, who had billing questions at the last  
27 Council meeting. Manager Hess and Revenue Collector Maine have taken care of Mrs. Rodgers.

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29 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

31 \* Councilman Hendershot has viewed work on the Jefferson Avenue Bridge, and the steel is in  
32 place. He commented the view is very good from Buffalo Wild Wings' parking lot. He also  
33 talked to Jay Wallace, who is willing to give Council members a tour upon request.

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35 \* Councilman David Haynes broached discussion on the lease with the Sanford Center Board.  
36 Although Council's “hands are tied” as to what events can be conducted at the Center, City  
37 ordinances should be enforced. Attorney White commented the Sanford Board should seek to  
38 “please” City Council, as they do choose each year how to renew the lease. Vice Mayor Saunders  
39 has had first-hand experience with children darting into traffic from between parked cars and  
40 drivers opening car doors into traffic. Council members were encouraged to attend the Sanford  
41 Board meeting tomorrow afternoon.

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43 \* Councilwoman DeWitt mentioned the events to be held tomorrow, at Moundsville Middle  
44 School, will be cancelled in light of Mayor Wood's hospitalization; as will the Mayors'  
45 Association event scheduled for Friday.

1 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

- 2 • Manager Hess informed Council the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce's Annual  
3 Christmas Tree Light Up and Business After Hours will be held on November 12 from 5:00  
4 to 7:00 PM at the Training Center.  
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- 6 • Manager Hess read a letter from the Marshall County Animal Rescue League thanking  
7 supporters of the September 19 March for Mutts. Over \$8,000.00 was raised. Councilman  
8 Simms made a motion to receive and file the letter, which was seconded by Councilman Paul  
9 Haynes; motion carried unanimously.  
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- 11 • Manager Hess read a letter from Superintendent Larry Bonar, who gave thanks for the pizza  
12 luncheon. The employees of the Moundsville Sanitary and Stormwater Boards greatly  
13 appreciated the gesture!  
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- 15 • Manager Hess asked everyone to keep Mayor Wood and his family in their prayers!  
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- 17 • Attorney White asked for a moment to present legal ads:  
18     October 20 Notice of Public Hearing Sanford Center Zoning  
19     October 14 Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, Balances  
20     October 5, 12 Requests for Proposals/Independent CPA  
21     September 28, 29, 30 Sealed Bids/Work Trucks  
22     September 23 Zoning/600 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
23     September 21 Public Hearing/Zoning-Sanford Center  
24     September 21 Zoning Variance/2207 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
25     August 31 Zone Change/Garfield & Pearl Street

26 Councilman David Haynes made a motion to receive and file the legal ads. Motion was seconded  
27 by Councilwoman DeWitt and carried unanimously.  
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29 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 30 • Vice Mayor Saunders informed the Home Rule Amendment has been filed and the ordinances  
31 are in progress.  
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- 33 • Vice Mayor Saunders commented the Isaiah Leasure 5K Race was excellent! More than  
34 \$15,000.00 was raised for the Leasure family. Vice Mayor Saunders opined that it should  
35 become an annual event.  
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- 37 • Vice Mayor Saunders expressed concern about Mayor Wood's serious injuries.  
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39 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

40 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee***

41 The Finance Committee will meet November 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM.  
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43 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee***

44 The Policy Committee will meet immediately after the Finance Committee.  
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1 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee*

2 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately after the Policy Committee.

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4 **CONSIDER COUNCIL ITEMS:**

5 \* *Hendershot* – Thanked Vice Mayor Saunders for the many years he has mentored and looked  
6 out for the youth of Moundsville and Marshall County. Children need attention and direction  
7 when they are young.

8 \* Asked Manager Hess to check the length of the space on Morton Avenue.

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10 \* *Simms* – Had nothing at this time.

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12 \* *David Haynes* – Thanked Manager Hess and Director Stocklask on the great work they do in  
13 getting Work Orders promptly and efficiently completed!

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15 \* *Paul Haynes* – Had nothing at this time.

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17 \* *DeWitt* – Mentioned the parking and congestion issues on Jefferson Avenue when there are  
18 events at the Penitentiary.

19 \* Informed those present when activities are held at the “Training Center,” that is referring to the  
20 Mollohan Building inside the North Wagon Gate at the Penitentiary.

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22 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Paul  
23 Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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David L Wood, Mayor