

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
JANUARY 7, 2014**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 7, 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, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: P. Haynes. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Schneider, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Street Commissioner Richmond & CPA Kathryn Goddard.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of December 17, 2013.**

Councilperson Wood made a change on page 4, line 10 should read “last” council meeting instead of “next” council meeting.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 17, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

\* Amy Toler, 27 Fostoria Avenue, introduced council members to “The Gabriel Project of WV Inc.,” which serves mothers and mothers to be, homeless women, families without jobs and women and children who are victims of domestic violence. The project also provides items such as safe cribs, secure car seats, diapers, formula, clothing and hygiene products. Ms. Toler provided a copy of the brochure, encourage council members to visit the website and help educate local women on the project.

Ms. Toler also invited council members to attend the ribbon cutting on February 18, 2014 at the First Christian Church of God.

\* Carl Boso, 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street, thanked the City of Moundsville and the Moundsville Police Department for their support on New Year’s Eve with the Booze, Cruise or Loose. Mr. Boso reported a property on owner Lockwood Avenue tore a house down burying the shingles and roofing under the dirt. Mr. Boso said this was against city policy.

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

- \* Councilperson DeWitt recommends to discuss at the finance committee reserving a table for council members at the Marshall County Expo February 28 & March 1, 2014.
- \* Councilperson Wood asked for an update of the Fostoria Property. Mrs. Hess noted that Mr. Brown will contact her in a couple of weeks.
- \* Councilperson Remke reported a lot of people still using their cellphones while driving.
- \* Councilperson Remke reported Olive Avenue and Cherokee Hills to be icy.
- \* Councilperson Remke reported water laying in alley between 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Henrietta Avenue. Street Foreman Stocklask reported that part of the alley needs a catch basin.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and Approval of Bids for the 2014 Fourth of July Celebration.**

Bid received from Pyrotechnics by Presutti, Inc in the amount of \$9,900.00 for the 2014 Fourth of July fireworks.

Councilperson Simms moved to award the bid of \$9,900.00 from Presutti, Inc. seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- \* Councilperson Remke moved to discuss at the traffic committee changing the city's signage around town (making street signs brighter), seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.
- \* Councilperson Remke moved to discuss at the traffic committee residents being responsible for readable addresses on their houses, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.
- \* Councilperson Remke moved to discuss at the traffic committee the possibility of making WalMart Drive a public street. Failed for lack of a second.
- \* Councilperson Remke moved to discuss at the policy committee to send questionnaire in the Echo for citizens to grade council members, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

\* Councilperson Remke commented that city residents are charged a 2% utility tax from Frontier however, some county residents are being charged the 2% utility tax but do not live in the city. Mr. Remke provided the City Clerk with contacts from Frontier.

### **MANAGER ITEMS:**

\* Manager Hess reported the city's reservoir has been losing vast amounts of water. However, the water department reported finding the water break at 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Lockwood Avenue. Water will be shut off starting at 10:00 p.m. 1/7/2014 between 7<sup>th</sup> Street & 15<sup>th</sup> Street west of Lafayette Avenue. Citizens are asked to conserve water.

\* Manager Hess also reported a heater over heated in the basement of the Fire Department. Police Chief notified Chief Clarke who responded and resolved the problem.

### **MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Saunders announced that Middle School Student Ryan Campbell was a winner of the "If I were Mayor" essay contest. The winner will be recognized at the Municipal League Conference.

\* Mayor Saunders announced they ordered the rails for the skatepark. The rails should be shipped on January 24, 2014.

\* Mayor Saunders appointed the sub committees. Council members wanting to know what committee they are on can see him after the meeting.

\* Mayor Saunders commented that specifications are being drafted for the Riverfront Shelter.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Finance Committee is scheduled for January 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Policy Committee is scheduled to follow the finance meeting.

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

Traffic Committee is scheduled to follow the traffic meeting.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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

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

\* **Remke** - His wish list for 2014: Home Rule; Original Logo placed behind Mayor chair; City Manager & Street Commissioner to update paving list; and reposition the city's Mission Statement and Value Statement.

\* **Wood** - Reminded council the Home Rule committee will be on January 23<sup>rd</sup>; and the WVU Law Students will meeting on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

\* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor