

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 6, 2014**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 6, 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. Absent: D. Haynes. Also present: Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: City Manager Deanna J. Hess.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2014.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 15, 2014, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Michaela Karr, 401 11th Street, announced that she does not support Home Rule. She also complained that she has called the police department several times concerning her neighbors and their dog chasing her but the police take a long time to respond to her calls.

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, asked Attorney White if he researched whether or not residents are permitted to bury shingles and roofing in the basements of demolished structures? Mr. White informed Mr. Boso he forgot to research the question.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt reported a barricade near a fire hydrant at Ninth Street & Washington Avenue covering a hole in the ground. The hole is also covered by a stereo speaker.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if Manager Hess has heard from the Army Corp of Engineers concerning the boat docks. Mayor Saunders reported not at this time.

* Councilperson Simms asked for an update on the Bonnette Property at 1109 Purdy Avenue.

City Clerk Hewitt reported the Marshall County Co-Op is in the process of purchasing the property.

* Councilperson Wood reported the Comprehensive Plan public hearing will be May 14, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

* Councilperson Remke asked for a letter from council to Jay Wallace, Department of Transportation supporting the installation of the Kiosk signs that Mr. Remke wants on Jefferson Avenue. And Councilperson Remke wants to be appointed as contact person for this project.

Chief Mitchell reported that he and City Clerk Hewitt attended a meeting with Jay Wallace who said the administration of the city or the City Manager, would be the contact person for DOT.

Councilperson Remke made a motion to move forward with the kiosk program so long as the City Manager receives a letter from the WV DOT giving their approval and Moundsville City Council giving their approval, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke asked for council's approval to install "clean up dog waste" signs on Jefferson Avenue.

After some discussion, Councilperson Remke made a motion to ask the Moundsville Street Department sign shop for a quote to make the signs and UMAC will install the signs, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

* Councilperson Remke asked for more citation written for persons riding bicycles on sidewalks on Jefferson Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive & File the 2014-2015 Moundsville Water Board Budget.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the 2014-2015 Moundsville Water Board Budget, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter Into Loan Agreements for the Lease-Purchase of Two (2) 2014 Ford Explorer Vehicles for the Police Department.

Councilperson Simms moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into loan agreements for the lease purchase of two 2014 Ford Explorer vehicles, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid Award for Dehumidification Unit Repair at Four Seasons Pool.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to award the bid to H.E. Neumann Company in the amount of \$12,280, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked when paving was going to start. City Clerk advised that bids were published in the newspaper and are due May 16, 2014.

* Councilperson Simms made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting purchase of a dura-patcher for the Street Department, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke provided council with an ordinance from Charleston that permits the city to assess individuals involved in emergencies or accidents in city a service fee. Councilperson Remke made a motion to forward this ordinance to the policy committee, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke provided Attorney White with an ordinance pertaining to truck companies, etc reimbursing cities for the use of their streets. Councilperson Remke made a motion to forward this ordinance to the policy committee, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke asked if the city receives 2% Utility Tax from all cell phone companies? City Clerk reported the city does received 2% tax on all cell phone companies.

* Councilperson Remke asked if truck companies are bonded with the city as they are with the county? Attorney White will research.

* Councilperson Remke would like to work with Chief Mitchell during the time Mountaineer Gas is replacing the gas line on Jefferson Avenue. Mayor Saunders noted that Larry Bonar is working with the gas company during this project. They will be cutting 100-120 feet at a time between 2nd Street & 5th Street. Chief Mitchell noted the gas company with the equipment they are using may have to close Jefferson Avenue during the time they are working. Parking meters will also be bagged.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Councilperson Saunders commented he was sure Larry Bonar is working with the gas company during the Jefferson Avenue gas line project.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12, 2014 at 5:30 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:

- * **Simms** - Nothing at this time.
- * **Wood** - Announced that Invocation are legal at council meetings.
- * Asked that council members be notified when an incident occurs with fellow council members or the City Manager.
- * **Remke** - Reported vehicles running traffic light at 10th & Lafayette Avenue because light is staying red too long.
- * Reported 4 wheelers running up & down Eastern 9th Street.
- * Reported vehicles still parking on curbs. Asked for more citations.
- * Reported large area dug up at 7th Street by United Bank & Court House.
- * **DeWitt** - Expressed she is pleased with how clean the town looks since all the gravel has been cleared from streets.
- * **P. Haynes** - Reported junk vehicles all through town.
- * **D. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

Councilperson Haynes moved to have executive session for real estate & personnel, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m.
Executive Session began at 8:10 p.m.
Executive Session recessed at 8:27 p.m.
Regular Session reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor