

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JULY 7, 2011**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on July 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by City Manager Hendershot.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Acting Police Chief Whipkey, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Mercer, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2011.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of June 21, 2011, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Maestro Robert Boudreau of the American Wind Symphony provided council with a presentation in hopes that council will support their show July 18 & 19, 2012. Council referred this matter to the Finance Committee.

* Dara Pond gave council an update on the Sanford Center stating the Marshall County Family Resource Network has been awarded one of fifteen, \$75,000 annual grants by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources to operate a Family Resource Center at the Sanford Center. The funding will be used to centralize Marshall County's resources for information referrals, family services, family programs, fun family centered activities and youth programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Saunders moved to change the August 2nd Council meeting to August 1st because the WV Municipal League starts August 2nd, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Saunders asked if anything has been done with the property at 905 Fifth Street?

Fire Chief Clarke advised that warrants are being issued for the owner.

* Councilperson DeWitt told Manager Hendershot that she would like to attend the meeting with DNR concerning the 13th Street boat ramps.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked Councilperson Remke if he was still trying to get motels to build in Moundsville. He said that he was.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to the Moundsville Water Board.

A letter was received from the Moundsville Water Board recommending the re-appointed of David Haynes to the Board.

Mayor Wallace made a motion to re-appoint David Haynes to the Moundsville Water Board, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Bid for Light Poles for the Parks & Recreation Board.

Bids were submitted from Erb Electric Company for five light poles for the East End basketball courts in the amount of \$18,500.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to accept the bid from Erb Electric for five poles at East End basketball courts in the amount of \$18,500, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked for an ordinance be drafted so that residents whose garbage gets picked up in front of their homes at the curb remove the cans from the curb every time they are emptied. Manager Hendershot will place this request on the Policy Committee agenda.

* Councilperson Haynes asked Manager Hendershot to look at the broken sewer line on Stewart Street.

* Councilperson Saunders reported moving two basketball hoops at East End, tear up the surface, re-surface with asphalt and place temporary rails.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hendershot advised council that Sara McDowell would be willing to come back to a Finance Committee meeting to recap E-Government Solutions.

* Manager Hendershot, after attending a Water Board meeting, has brought to the attention of council and the public that a water rate increase was passed to assist with the maintenance of the bonds in an amount requested of 30.6% which is now pending a PSC protest hearing. Because the Water Board did not have bond coverage, the Public Service Commission has authorized the Water Board to implement an interim emergency increase of 14.9%. This increase has taken effect on June 10, 2011 upon the date of the order. Customers will not see the increase until their September bill.

* The Water Board has discussed the possibility of purchasing the old Convenient Store building at Second Street & Cedar Avenue. Superintendent Bill Dove wants to provide council with some figures at a later date.

* Manager Hendershot is continuing to work with H E Neuman and Johnson Controls on the Energy Savings Program.

* Manager Hendershot thanked Fire Chief Noel Clarke for spending his time at the Fairgrounds assisting with the fireworks on the 4th of July.

* Manager Hendershot received a letter from the City of Wheeling asking surrounding cities to write a similar letter expressing opposition to the proposed Congressional Redistricting.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to authorize the City Manager to draft a letter concerning Congressional Redistricting, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Manager Hendershot was approached by a company that is interested in leasing the Riverfront from the city as a campground. The company will run the water lines, sewer lines and electric on the property. When the construction has left the area, the infrastructure will come back to the city.

After some discussion, Mayor Wallace made a motion to authorize the City Manager to pursue the request, seconded by Councilperson Haynes.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. DeWitt, Remke, Saunders, Wood voting nay. Haynes & Mayor Wallace voting yea. 4 nays, 2 yeas. Motion failed.

* Manager Hendershot received complaints from local business owners and ministers of the "Girls Gone Wild" bus parked on Jefferson Avenue. Manager Hendershot informed council that Moundsville presently has no ordinance to prevent this type of entertainment from coming to Moundsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Saunders scheduled a finance meeting for Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Councilperson Saunders scheduled a traffic meeting to follow the finance meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Councilperson Wood scheduled a policy meeting following the traffic meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

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

* **Wood** - Asked for an update on the Fostoria. Manager Hendershot will contact Tom Brown for an update he has not been able to talk to him.

* Asked if the city received resumes for grant writer. Manager Hendershot reported the office receiving numerous calls.

* Asked for a list of buildings to be demolished. Manager Hendershot advised that Building Inspectors are working on a spread sheet.

* **Saunders** - Wished to thank the Parks & Recreation, the Police Department and Fire Department for their assistance during the Beast of the East Tournament.

* Asked that the ordinance pertaining to inspection of rental property be placed back on the Policy agenda.

* Asked if the position for Recreation Director has been advertised? Manager Hendershot reported it has.

* **Remke** - Asked for council's approval to sent a letter to Consol Coal in reference to obtaining the Elks building for a Coal Museum. Council members granted permission.

* **DeWitt** - Was pleased with the fireworks display.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor