

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
AUGUST 5, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 5, 2013 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: D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: DeWitt. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Laborer Wallace, Building Inspector Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: CPA Kathryn Goddard.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of July 16, 2013.

Councilperson P Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 16, 2013, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation:

Acknowledge Sanitary Plant Superintendent Larry Bonar for the William D. Hatfield Award.

Mayor Saunders recognized Superintendent Larry Bonar for receiving the William D Hatfield Award for the Moundsville Sanitary Plant.

Mayor Saunders also recognized Boy Scout Troop #79 as they attended the Council Meeting.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Rev. Black, First Baptist Church, 1001 Fourth Street, complained of residents allowing their dogs to do their business in the church yard also the Trophy Club patrons leaving their beer bottle and trash in the yard.

* Tom Parker, 222 Pine Avenue, complained of the Sam Shaw Walking Trail is covered with mud every time it rains water has no place to go but on the trail. He also commented that he has not seen anyone cleaning the trail. And the debris from the fireworks have not been cleaned up.

* Miranda Postle, 110 Hickory Avenue, asked what the city was doing about the break-ins in

town. She lives directly across the street from a residence that was broke into.

Chief Mitchell assured Ms. Postle the police department is investigating and have placed extra patrol.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms asked Attorney White concerning the Texting & Driving Ordinance & how this will affect police officers talking on their radios. Attorney White will research the question.

* Councilperson Wood commended Manager Hess on the website completion.

* Councilperson Remke suggested discussing goals for council and the City Manager at the sub committee meetings. Councilperson Wood announced he will try to have something for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Award of Bid Proposal for Actuarial Study on Employee Benefits.

Bids were received from the following companies for an Actuarial Study on employee benefits:

1.	Sewickley PA	Hallett Associates Inc	\$6,000
2.	Ellicott City MD	Boomershine Consulting Group	\$7,410
3.	Baltimore MD	Bolton Partners	\$5,500
4.	Vienna VA	Millinan	\$7,000

Attorney White noted after discussing the bids with City Treasurer Ankrom and CPA Goddard, it was decided to choose Hallett Associates Inc to perform the Actuarial Study for the amount of \$6,000.

Councilperson Wood moved to award the bid for RFP to Hallett Associates, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Award of Bid Proposal for a Fire Truck.

A single bid was received from All American Fire Equipment, Washington Court House, OH in the amount of \$299,932.00. Bids were reviewed by Fire Chief Clarke who found the specifications to be in order.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to award the fire truck bid to All American Fire Equipment in the amount of \$299,932.00, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Simms, Wood and Saunders voting yea. Remke voting nay. 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Redevelop the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission. (First Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, RE-CREATING AND RE-ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Simms moved to accept and approve the above ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Wood.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. P. Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood, Mayor Saunders and D. Haynes. 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood noted Councilperson DeWitt was absent due to father having surgery.

* Councilperson Wood moved to discuss in policy committee whether or not the city needs an ordinance pertaining to drilling in city limits, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss an ordinance to muzzle certain breeds of dogs while walking them in Moundsville. Seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Remke,

Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders voting yea. D. Haynes & P. Haynes voting nay. 4 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

MANAGER ITEMS:

- * Manager Hess asked council for any comments on the website.
- * Manager Hess reported to Councilperson Remke concerning the run off from Highland Addition that runs behind Pink Door Pizza on Fourth Street. The run off is actually coming from Jersey Drive on Rt. 250 and is a county matter.
- * Manager Hess reported working with the WalMart Manager concerning the run off from the hillside onto the street turning from Jefferson Extension.
- * City Manager Hess appointed three individuals to the Moundsville Planning Commission the names are as follows: Carol Bassett, Gary Goode and David Allender.

MAYOR ITEMS:

- * Mayor Saunders announced that a firm wants to purchase a scoreboard for Valley Fork Baseball Field donating \$3,000 and hopes the City of Moundsville will contribute \$900. Mayor Saunders moved to discuss this request in Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.
- * Mayor Saunders noted that there has been discussion from the Beast of the East Committee as cancelling tournaments in the City of Moundsville. He & Manager Hess will keep council informed.
- * Mayor Saunders suggested the City Manager send a letter to the Beast of the East Committee expressing council's concerns of cancelling Beast of the East. Also adding spaces for each council member to sign.
- * Mayor Saunders reported still discussing the purchase of playground equipment with Williams Energy.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Policy Meeting to follow Finance Meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Traffic Meeting to follow Policy Meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Simms** - Wished to thank Beth Bertram & The Fair Board for including them in on the ribbon cutting at the Fair.

* Thanked City Manager Hess for the hard work on the website.

* Announced that Mayor Saunders received an award from the Lions Club for the Leonard Jarrett Award.

* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

* **Remke** - Asked council members to review the Mural Program at the committee meeting.

* Reported grass growing in sidewalk on 7th Street by law offices.

* Reported speaking to Chesapeake about re-routing the water trucks to keep them off Jefferson Avenue.

* **P. Haynes** - Wished to thank City Manager Hess for having tree cut at 53 Locust Avenue.

* **D. Haynes** - The Moundsville Water Board asked for the trees to be removed near the pump house on Highland Avenue. Manager Hess reported the trees are being cut by Asplund (for AEP) but they have not finished that area.

* Congratulated Mayor Saunders on his award from the Lions Club.

Mayor Saunders moved for an executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular session recessed at 7:55 p.m.
Executive session began at 7:55 p.m.
Executive session recessed at 8:03 p.m.
Regular session reconvened at 8:03 p.m.

Councilperson Wood moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Sondra J Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor