

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MARCH 4, 2008**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on March 4, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Wayne Lemasters.

Invocation by Councilperson Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: Cunningham, Haynes, Simms, Wallace, Wood and Mayor Lemasters. Absent: DiRemigio. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Vickers, CPA Kathryn Goddard and Attorney Thomas White.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of February 19, 2008.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 19, 2008, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting of February 28, 2008.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 28, 2008, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation of Awards to Stanley Blankenship & Whites & Sons Monument.

* Mayor Lemasters presented an award for 500th win for John Marshall Girls Basketball Coach Stanley Blankenship.

* Mayor Lemasters presented Mary Margaret Rine with an award for years of service of Whites & Sons Monument.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Linda Sills, 112 Ash Avenue, reported the house being tore down at 1410 Second Street is infested with rats and they are running to nearby houses. Ms. Sills stated the rats had come

from the old Gordon's building. She also reported garbage strewn around the alley behind 1408 Second Street.

Manager Hendershot commented the garbage problem will be cleaned up and they will address the rat problem. However, Building Inspector Wise inspected the Gordon's building before it was torn down and reported there were no signs of rats, rat carcass or droppings in the building.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Purpose of the Meeting will be to Discuss the Proposed Project of Purchasing Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Moundsville Fire Department/Emergency Response Team Through an Application by the USDA, Rural Development for Federal Assistance.

Manager Hendershot reported the purpose of this hearing is a requirement of the USDA, Rural Development for Federal Assistance. Chief Clarke was able to secure this grant to assist with the purchase of breathing apparatus for the Moundsville Fire Department.

Mayor Lemasters asked for comments from the audience concerning the public hearing. With nobody from the audience wishing to speak on the issue, Mayor Lemasters called the public hearing closed.

Manager Hendershot also asked council to pass a resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into the grant. Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve a verbal resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into the grant, seconded by Councilperson Wallace.

Mayor Lemasters called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing a Loan for the Payment of the City's Liability Insurance Coverage.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing a loan payment of the City's Liability Insurance, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wallace made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinances to increase fees and taxes in the City of Moundsville, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Haynes reported rats at 9 Linden Avenue that need to be addressed. The owner

has No Trespassing signs on the property.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hendershot received a letter from Mr. Joseph Parriott who has expressed interest in assisting with converting the Sanford Elementary School into a Youth Center or Community Center.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Lemasters reported the drain at 6th Street & Baker Avenue is sinking, cones are sticking out of the hole.

* Manager Hendershot reported the street light on Jefferson Avenue between 8th & 11th Street will be upgraded to stronger watts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Wallace scheduled a Finance Meeting on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Councilperson Simms scheduled a Traffic Meeting following the Finance Meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Councilperson Wood scheduled a Policy Meeting following the Traffic Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

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

* **Cunningham** - Nothing at this time.

* **Wood** - Asked Chief Kudlak if the situation reported on Annadale Avenue had been addressed.

* Commended the new owners of the house at First Street & Jefferson Avenue for taking the initiative to repair the house.

* Asked if Mr. Parriott submitted any information for the traffic light at 4th Street & Cedar Avenue. Manager Hendershot advised that information will be brought to the Traffic

Committee.

* **Wallace** - Wished to send his thoughts and best wishes to Councilperson DiRemigio and his family during his illness.

Councilperson Wallace made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Wayne Lemasters, Mayor