

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
JANUARY 3, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 3, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Also present: Interim City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Asst. Fire Chief Walker, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Kathryn Goddard, City Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of December 20, 2011.**

Councilperson DeWitt made a correction on page 3, line 39 & 40, reads "Simms voting nay. 5 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried". And should read "Simms is included in the voice vote of 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously."

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 20, 2011, with amendments, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

\* Councilperson DeWitt expressed that she was very pleased with the renovations at the old Convenient Store at Second Street & Cedar Avenue which was purchased by FRN (Family Resource Network). They have done a beautiful job.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked if anyone was able to contact the residents at 905 Fifth Street? Building Inspector Schneider said that he spoke with the resident who will repair the sidewalk.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked for an update on 329½ Thorn Avenue. Building Inspector Schneider reported that Ms. Darrah's friend has purchased materials to repair the house. Ms. Darrah should be appearing in Municipal Court for another summons of Health & Sanitation Violation January 19, 2011.

\* Councilperson Saunders reminded Interim City Manager Hess that he would like to schedule a meeting with DOH concerning the 2-way stop at Fifth Street & Jefferson Avenue.

\* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on Fostoria. Attorney White reported the deed to the property has been signed by the Moundsville Building Commission and GAB. He will be taking the deed to Marshall County Court House to be recorded.

\* Councilperson Remke asked if the Street Department was able to extend the yellow on the curbs at Fifth Street & Jefferson Avenue? Street Commissioner Richmond advised due to weather conditions, the curbs have not been painted.

\* Councilperson Remke asked if Chief Mitchell has taken care of the ambulance on Gonchoff's property on 7<sup>th</sup> Street? Chief Mitchell advised that he hasn't had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Gonchoff, but he will.

\* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the last FEMA violation has been corrected by the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department? Building Inspector Schneider reported that the violations at the VFD have not been corrected. Mayor Wallace asked Mr. Brad Varlas to explain why the violations were not corrected. Mr. Varlas said the VFD was waiting on the city to decide whether they would split the cost of the vents and labor with them.

After further discussion, Mayor Wallace requested this item be placed on the January 17, 2012 council meeting agenda.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution of the Council of the City of Moundsville, West Virginia, Authorizing the City Manager or Acting City Manager to Execute a Termination of Easement from the City of Moundsville to the Marshall County Cooperative for Storm Sewer Facilities.**

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the resolution pertaining to the termination of an easement from the City of Moundsville to the Marshall County Co-op for Storm Sewer Facilities, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter Into a Loan Agreement for Lease Purchase of a 2008 Ford Crown Victoria for the Fire Department and a 2000 Ford Bucket Truck for the Street Department.**

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the resolution for the lease purchase of a 2008 Crown Victoria and a 2000 Ford Bucket Truck, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter into**

**a Loan Agreement for Lease Purchase of a 2012 GMC Sierra Pickup Truck for the Fire Department.**

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the resolution for the lease purchase of a 2012 GMC Sierra Pickup Truck, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

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

\* Councilperson Wood read an article in the paper concerning issues on water rate increases around the country.

\* Councilperson Wood asked what the Water Board's intentions are concerning the property by the city's reservoir. Mayor Wallace explained that an individual purchased about 1 acre of property above the reservoir in which the owner is now landlocked. The owner has approached the Water Board asking for an easement to his property. The Water Board is concerned about security issues.

\* Councilperson Wood announced that Sgt. Don DeWitt will be attending the FBI National Police Academy in Quantico, VA for training.

\* Councilperson Saunders announced the Parks & Recreation Board will sponsor a 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Daddy/Daughter dance February 11, 2012 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., at the Sanford Center. Dance is open to the public, admission is \$25.00.

\* Councilperson Remke asked since litigation between the Moundsville Water Board and Shook Environmental has ended, when will repairs start on the water plant? Mayor Wallace was not sure of the date but thinks Shook Environmental will have 90 days to complete the repairs.

\* Councilperson Remke asked if repairs to the Sanitary tank are on schedule? Interim Manager Hess advised she will provide council with an update from Sanitary Board.

\* Councilperson Remke reported the "Welcome to Moundsville" sign located near the bottom of Rt. 250 has vines & limbs covering the sign. He asked if the Street Department would cut the debris.

**MANAGER ITEMS:**

**Thank You Letter.**

Interim City Manager Hess read a thank you letter from the Fostoria Glass Society of America to the City of Moundsville for their donation of \$5,432.75 from the Fostoria Glass Project.

**MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Wallace congratulated Sgt. DeWitt for being chosen to attend the FBI National Police Academy.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Councilperson Wood scheduled a policy meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Councilperson Saunders scheduled a finance meeting following the policy meeting.

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

Councilperson Simms scheduled a traffic meeting following the finance meeting.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

\* **Haynes** - Reported garbage on porch at 113 Baker Avenue between First Street & Second Street then residents placed the trash near the street. Also, garbage at resident on Campground Road & Fostoria Avenue.

\* **Remke** - Thanked the Street Department for the work they do.

\* Invited council members to the first "Cost of Freedom Wall" meeting at the MEDC training center Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

\* **Saunders** - Reported a rotting tree that is ready to fall at 1203 Fourth Street.

\* **Wood** - Wished to thank Jim Richmond, the Street Department and all employees for the Christmas Luncheon.

\* Welcomed Deanna Hess as Interim City Manager.

\* Asked Mayor Wallace if he was going to schedule another city manager workshop? Mayor Wallace said that council should have an executive session at the January 19, 2012 meeting. Mayor Wallace also changed the special council meeting before the January 19 meeting to a Policy Workshop.

\* **DeWitt** - Welcome to Deanna Hess as Interim City Manager.

\* **Simms** - Asked if the Street Department would be checking on the sign on Rt. 250. Street Commission Richmond said he would take care of the limbs hanging over the sign.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Dennis Wallace, Mayor