

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**
2 **FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on February 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.
8 Invocation was given by Councilman K Mark Simms.

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10 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called roll and the following Councilpersons were in
11 attendance: Saunders, DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Remke, Simms, and Vice
12 Mayor Wood. Also present: City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke,
13 Public Works Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Goddard, and
14 Attorney White. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt (training), and Public Works Director
15 Richmond.

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17 **MINUTES:**

18 **Regular Council Meeting of January 21, 2014**

19 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the January 21, 2014 minutes as
20 presented, which Councilman Dave Haynes seconded; and the motion carried
21 unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

24 * Denny Kidd of 1215 2nd Street asked about recycling in the City, which Councilman
25 Simms noted the City of Moundsville was not required to do after population began
26 decreasing. In previous years, the recyclables were taken to the landfill anyway. Mr. Kidd
27 commented the City and County should work together on this.

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29 It was brought to the Mayor's attention the agenda listed the wrong date of Regular
30 Council minutes needing approved: the minutes should be for February 4, 2014, not
31 January 21, 2014. Councilman Paul Haynes then made a motion to approve the February
32 4, 2014 minutes as presented, which Councilman Simms seconded; and motion carried
33 unanimously.

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35 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

37 * Vice Mayor Wood commented the "If I were Mayor..." essay winner, Ryan Cunningham,
38 attended the West Virginia Municipal League Conference and conducted himself very
39 well; and his family had a very nice time.

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41 * Councilman Remke asked if the parking meters at Bob's Lunch were replaced, to which
42 Chief Mitchell explained there are not enough extra meters to do so at the moment. It was

1 suggested to move meters from areas of Lafayette Avenue which are not used as frequently
2 or purchase more, as the Bob's Lunch meters need to be replaced.

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4 **NEW BUSINESS:**

5 **A) Discussion and Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Enter**
6 **into a Contractual Agreement with Commercial Insurance for 2014-2015 Liability**
7 **Coverage**

8 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City
9 Manager to enter into a contractual agreement with Commercial Insurance for the City's
10 2014-2015 liability insurance. Councilman Simms seconded the motion after noting the
11 cost represents a 3 1/2% decrease over last year's premium. Mayor Saunders called for a
12 roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: 7 yeas. Motion
13 carried unanimously.

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

16 Councilmembers had no other New Business to discuss.

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18 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

- 19 • Manager Hess had nothing to discuss at this time.

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21 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 22 • Mayor Saunders commented the "If I were Mayor..." essay winner did the City proud
23 at the presentation in Charleston and his essay was very good!
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- 25 • Mayor Saunders noted the Home Rule Committee met and began formulating a plan.
26 Attorney White and CPA Goddard were thanked for their hard work and input! Part of
27 the plan will be to decrease the number of required licenses; and Council hopes to have
28 lots of public input for other aspects of the Home Rule plan. Councilwoman DeWitt
29 commented that, at the Municipal League Conference, 14 cities including Moundsville
30 expressed interest in applying for Home Rule. It was also noted the State of West
31 Virginia will collect 5% of all revenue taken in by cities under Home Rule.

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33 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

34 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee***

- 35 1) The Finance Committee received and approved the January 2014 financial
36 statements.
- 37 2) The Finance Committee forwarded the resolution renewing the liability insurance,
38 which has already been voted on.
- 39 3) The Finance Committee referred, to the March meeting, discussion on cost figures
40 for ambulance service.
- 41 4) The Finance Committee will hold future discussions on transfer station costs as
42 information becomes available.

1 5) Councilman Simms presented the motion to have an appraiser look at the property
2 located at 107 13th Street and present the fair market value. Councilman Remke
3 seconded the motion for discussion. CPA Goddard questioned whether there should
4 be a dollar limit on how much can be spent on such an appraisal, which could cost
5 up to \$1,000.00. After discussion, Mayor Saunders called for a roll call vote, and
6 Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: 2 yeas, 5 nays; DeWitt, Paul
7 Haynes, Dave Haynes, Wood, and Saunders voting nay. Motion fails.
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9 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee***

- 10 1) The Policy Committee recommends no change to the existing ordinance dealing
11 with animal waste penalties.
12 2) The Policy Committee tabled discussion on relinquishment of the Sanford property
13 until March, when they can have a Sanford Board member in attendance.
14 3) The Policy Committee will further discuss City overtime costs associated with in-
15 kind services provided.
16 4) The Policy Committee tabled review of Section 313.99, dealing with traffic
17 violation penalties in construction zones, until the March meeting.
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19 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee***

20 **1) Discussion of Paving Priority List for 2014**

21 The Traffic Committee recommends eight streets to be reviewed by the City Engineer:
22 Myrtle Avenue from 4th Street to the Fairgrounds
23 Magnolia Avenue from 4th Street to the Fairgrounds
24 Ash Avenue from 2nd to 3rd Streets
25 Mulberry Avenue from Meighen Avenue to Jackson Street
26 1600 Block of 8th Street
27 Cedar Avenue from 4th to 7th Streets
28 Pearl Street from Parriott Avenue to Garfield Street
29 1st Street between Jefferson and Tomlinson Avenues

- 30 2) The Traffic Committee recommends no change to the yellow line on the corner of
31 Morton Avenue between 2nd and 3rd Streets.
32 3) The Traffic Committee tabled discussion, on installing information signs on
33 Jefferson Avenue, until the March meeting.
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35 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

36 * **Remke** – Nothing at this time.
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38 * **Wood** – Nothing at this time.
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40 * **Simms** – Nothing at this time.
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42 * **David Haynes** – Nothing at this time.

1 * **Paul Haynes** – Received complaints of City dump trucks encroaching on a yard near
2 the Wesley Park housing area. Manager Hess will find out which department's trucks have
3 been working in that area.

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5 * **DeWitt** – Nothing at this time.

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7 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman
8 Paul Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor