

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 7, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 7, 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: DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City Manager Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of April 16, 2013.

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

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Councilperson Phil Remke, 1509 Eight Street, asked for council's support in cleaning the area on both sides of the Jefferson Avenue Extension from Alpine Lounge to WalMart Drive.

* Joe Parriott, PO Box 277, Moundsville, endorses Councilperson Remke's request and included Parrs Run & Little Grave Creek.

* Dennis Kidd, 1215 Third Street, supported the cleanup.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Councilperson Wood noted the Comprehensive Plan meeting held on April 26 was well attended and presentations were given by WVU Students.

* Councilperson Wood also noted that some high school students went to WVU on May 3 to observe architect students and their vision of what the Riverfront would look like.

* Councilperson D. Haynes noted that he had been on council previously, had worked with three different City Manager and has never quite seen some council members that are like the ones on this current council. Councilperson Haynes suggested Manager Hess draft a memo to her Department Heads advising them that work orders are to come from the city manager only.

* Councilperson DeWitt reported the glass in the towers above the prison have been replaced.

* Councilperson Remke asked for an update on the Fostoria. Manager Hess advised that she has not heard anything concerning the DEP.

* Councilperson Remke asked for an updated vacant building list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the 2013-2014 City of Moundsville Water Board Budget.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the 2013-2014 Water Board Budget, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and File the 2013-2014 City of Moundsville Sanitary Board Budget and the City of Moundsville Stormwater Board.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the 2013-2014 Sanitary Board and Stormwater Board Budgets, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood complimented the WVU students on the Heritage Trail Manual presented to council.

* Councilperson Wood noted that council needs to further discuss goals for council and evaluation for the City Manager.

* Councilperson Wood asked Attorney White to briefly explain the “Complete Streets Programs” to council members.

Attorney White announced that WV Legislation passed a “Complete Streets Act” in which the legislatures have directed the Department of Highways to consider an array of input anytime they design streets or highways to consider all means of transportation (motorcycles, bicycles, etc). And arrange to allow various groups and individuals to present input to the Department of Highways.

* Councilperson Remke submitted a broken sidewalk ordinance and tree ordinance to council members to be discussed at the Policy Committee meeting.

Councilperson Remke moved to invited a tree expert to speak at the Policy Committee meeting on June 11, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

* Councilperson Remke asked for copies of the work orders he submitted with the noted progress or activity.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess reminded council of the luncheon in the Council Chambers on Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 12:00 p.m., to welcome Williams Energy to Moundsville.

* Manager Hess announced council members and department heads need to be present at 11:00 a.m. in council chambers for pictures to update the city's website.

* City Manager Hess announced that paving for Myrtle Avenue from 4th Street to 7th Street due to the Water Department replacing water lines.

* Manager Hess announced that she received a thank you card from Staci Dei, Director of Family Resource Network.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders entertained a motion for an executive session for personnel matters after the regular session. Councilperson Wood moved for an executive session, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Remke voting nay. Motion carried.

* Mayor Saunders announced the Home Rule Committee consists of the following individuals: City Manager Hess, Mayor Saunders, Vice Mayor Wood, Councilperson David Haynes, City Clerk Hewitt, CPA Kathryn Goddard and Attorney Thomas White.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will meet at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

The Policy Committee will meet following the finance meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee will meet following the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

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

* **Wood** - Wished to thank everyone involved with updating the Comprehensive Plan.

* Reminded council members of the Neighborhood Awareness Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the MEDC Training Center.

* **Remke** - Nothing at this time.

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

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

* **DeWitt** - Reported the trailers are being tore down at 1600 block of Ruby Street.

* Wished to thank the Street Department for patching the parking lot at the Riverfront Park.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to hold an executive session for personnel matters following a 5 minute recess, seconded by Councilperson D Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 7:34 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session began at 7:45 p.m.

Executive session recessed at 8:26 p.m.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to adjourn at 8:27 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor