

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
APRIL 7, 2015**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on April 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, D. Haynes, Hendershot, Saunders, Simms and Mayor Wood. Absent: P. Haynes. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of March 17, 2015.

Councilperson Saunders moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 17, 2015, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Zara Zervos - National Winner of Essay Contest on Vietnam War Veteran.

Mayor Wood introduced Ms. Zervos as a Moundsville Middle School Student who read her essay about her neighbor and Vietnam War Veteran, Jim Whorton.

Johnnie M Lowe - J&S Salvage - Disposal of TV's, Computer Monitors, Computer Boards, etc.

Mr. Lowe informed council members that he would be interested in working with the City of Moundsville to remove the television sets and electronic units from citizens. Mayor Wood advised Mr. Lowe that council will discuss the information at the sub committee meetings on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.

* Paul Brown Jr., Lot 13 Shirley Terrace, explained to council of the annexation of Shirley Terrace in 2006. When he asked for gravel on the road at the top of Shirley Terrace he was told by a Street Department employee that he was out of city limits. With that information he quit paying the city fees. He would rather be removed from city limits and take care of the road himself.

Mayor Wood informed Mr. Brown the City Manager will address his concerns.

* Craig White, Grand Vue Park Director, thanked Fire Chief Clarke for the assistance of the City of Moundsville Fire Department when there was a brush fire at Grand Vue the week prior. Mr. White then introduced Jesse Mestrovic, the new Convention & Visitors Bureau Director.

* Dave Voithoffer, Marshall County Co-op, was present for the second reading of a zone change ordinance but praised the City of Moundsville for being an amazing little town. Everything that anybody should want is in Moundsville.

* Connie Richmond, 2011 Meighen Avenue, complained the water in the pool is too cold for a lot of the swimmers. She was told the water temperature was to be between 82 & 84 degrees. She asked for the temperature to be turned up to 84 degrees.

Councilperson Saunders said the resisters can not process water at a temperature over 84 degrees. The city replaced the resister at a cost of \$12,000 a few months ago.

* Suzanne Park, MEDC, reminded council members and invited the public to a Town Hall Meeting at the WV Training Center Monday, April 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. concerning Drug Abuse and Addiction with U S Attorney William Ihlenfeld II as Keynote Speaker.

* Bill Sayers, AAA Trailer Court, said he lives across property the city had demolished at 432 Poplar Avenue. He said there is a large tree on that property that hangs across the run onto his trailer. He was hoping the city would consider cutting that tree down.

* David Seum, 112 Elm Avenue, asked for the alley behind 112 Elm Avenue be graveled. Also gave a Sanford Center update saying they cancelled the E-Waste project at the Sanford Center hoping to reschedule in the fall; reported they are tearing down the playground equipment to make a parking lot since complaints have been received by residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Recommendation by the Moundsville Planning Commission to Approve a Zone Change from RM to CCCH at 1109 Purdy Avenue. (Marshall County Co-op Property) (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following zone change ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA 1109 PURDY AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE FROM A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO A HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AND INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL CENTER ZONE

(SECOND READING)

Councilperson Saunders moved to accept and approve the zone change ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

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

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms asked if the Street Department received the loader? And if we are putting out for bid 2 new pickup trucks? Manager Hess advised the loader has not been delivered due to bank paper work not completed and pickup trucks have not been put out for bid.

* Councilperson Saunders reported speeders at the intersection of Jackson Street & Poplar Avenue. Chief Mitchell advised the city does receive Highway Safety Grants for speeding, cell phone violators, etc.

* Councilperson Saunders reported the pool is closed for two weeks for painting and repairs. The exercise equipment is being removed. And skateboard park equipment is ready to be installed.

* Councilperson Haynes asked if the mirror has been installed on Parriott Avenue across from Agnew Street? Manager Hess reported the mirror had to be ordered but yellow lines have been painted at the entrance to Agnew Street.

* Councilperson Haynes asked for committee to keep moving forward on consideration of the transfer station and asked for an engineer to provide figures for such a project.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to take this matter to the Finance Committee, research the cost and make note of the pro's and con's of the project, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked when will the paving projects will start? Manager Hess reported the engineer is in the process of bid specs for the streets.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the Sanitation Department moved to Brown Street? Manager Hess reported Street Commissioner Richmond and his secretary moved to Brown Street along with the sanitation equipment.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if there was any news on the boat docks? Manager Hess reported sending an email to DNR with no response at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Moundsville Police Civil Service Commission to the Police Rules and Regulations.

Police Chief Mitchell read the recommendations citing the changes are more of a house cleaning measure. Councilperson Simms moved to approve the recommendations by the Police Civil Service Commission, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter Into Loan Agreements for the Lease Purchase of Two (2) 2016 Mack Refuse Packers for the Sanitation Department.

Councilperson Simms moved to authorize the resolution to enter into loan agreements for the lease purchase of two 2016 Refuse Packers for the Sanitation Department, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter Into a Loan Agreement for the Lease Purchase of One (1) 2015 Komatsu Wheel Loader for the Street Department.

Councilperson Saunders moved to authorize the resolution to enter into loan agreement for the lease purchase of a 2015 Komatsu Wheel Loader for the Sanitation Department, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Receive and File the Moundsville Sanitary Board & Moundsville Stormwater Board 2015-2016 Budget.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the Moundsville Sanitary Board & Moundsville Stormwater Board 2015-2016 Budget, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms received complaints that vehicles are parking too close to the corners at Virginia Street & Elm Avenue.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess wished to thank everyone that thought of her during her sickness. And wanted to thank City Clerk Hewitt, Secretary Marilyn Kaufman, Treasurer Karen Ankrom and her front office staff for continuing to keep the city running in her absence.

* Manager Hess presented an Appreciation Day Certificate to Mayor David Wood in honor of National Mayor's Day.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wood thanked City Clerk Hewitt and everyone who helped during the absence of City Manager Hess.

* Mayor Wood announced he invited the Parks & Recreation Board to the Policy Committee meeting concerning any problems they are having and pros & cons.

* Mayor Wood spoke on Home Rule Legislation passed this year for city's that were not approved to re-apply for Home Rule.

* Mayor Wood announced Delegate Shawn Fluharty will be speaking at the Moundsville Middle School on Wednesday.

* Mayor Wood announced the City of Moundsville received a \$10,000 technical assistance grant for Brownsfield, Abandoned and Dilapidated Structures. A workshop is scheduled for Monday April 27, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

* Mayor Wood announced that he invited Terrell Ellis with the WV Land Trust to address council at a special council meeting on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. before the regular council meeting.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to hold a special council meeting on April 21, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., for discussion of WV Land Trust program, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Police Committee will meet following the finance meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Traffic Committee will meet following the policy meeting

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **D. Haynes** - Asked if the Pawn Shop (Treasure Chest) on Jefferson Avenue is allowed to have all the bicycles and signs on the sidewalk? Manager Hess advised she was addressing the

matter.

* **DeWitt** - Welcomed City Manager Hess back.

* Commented the streets are looking better.

* **Hendershot** - Asked what the city's policy is for distracted driving? Attorney White said the WV State Code was implemented into a city code.

* Attended a UMAC meeting which some issues were discussed concerning the city's website to be more user friendly; lack of citations being written on Jefferson Avenue creating a parking problem; city parking lots need some attention (possibly using left over asphalt); need one way sign beside Allen's Bootery going into city lot.

* Council asked the City Manager to draft a letter from council to the Sanitary Board concerning problems on Highland Avenue.

Saunders - Asked Chief Mitchell if the individuals picked up bicycles from the garage at the former prison. Chief advised they retrieved four or five bicycles.

* Said Police Civil Service Commissioner Coffield was retiring. Manager Hess noted the position has been advertised.

* Spoke with Street Commissioner Richmond concerning a curb on 8th Street.

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

Councilperson Simms moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Sondra J Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor