

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
OCTOBER 2, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on October 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation was given by Councilperson Mark Simms followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Wallace asked council and the audience to remain standing for a moment of silence in remembrance of former Moundsville Police Capt. Don "Whitey" Smith and former Sheriff Bob Lightner who recently passed away.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Remke, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Absent: Haynes (ill). Also present: Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Schneider, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: City Manager Deanna J. Hess (ill).

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of September 18, 2012.**

Councilperson Wood made a correction on page 6, line 31 should read, "WVU Faculty and Students".

Councilperson Simms moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting, as amended, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Allen Hendershot - Update on Sanford Center.**

Mr. Hendershot reported to council that rentals have increased. The rooms are being utilized. The Sanford Committee is hoping to create a Boys & Girls Club in the near future. Mayor Wallace asked why the city would be paying for liability insurance on the Sanford building. Mr. Hendershot noted the city has always kept liability insurance on all of the leased facilities such as the Indoor Rifle Pistol Club Shooting Range and Boso's Marina.

\* Lester Tasker, 1407 Tenth Street, requested more police patrol and asked why the Taxi Cab service closed.

\* Walter Rhome, owner of property located at 1500 Water Street, again approached council concerning a zone change from R-M to S-E. Mr. Rhome said that he feels the city is being

unreasonable, unfair and discriminatory against him. Mayor Wallace informed Mr. Rhome that his request is going to be discussed at the Policy Committee meeting on October 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of Community Conversation for Comprehensive Plan.**

Councilperson Wood informed council that WVU Faculty and Students will be arriving on October 11, 2012 approximately 6:30 p.m. and meeting at the Acapulco Restaurant. They will be meeting at the MEDC Training Center October 12, 2012 at 8:30 a.m. An itinerary will be available for the afternoon and evening plans.

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

\* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the storm drain at 12<sup>th</sup> & Garfield Street was going to be installed before paving? Councilperson Simms said he would talk to Superintendent Larry Bonar.

\* Councilperson Wood informed council that RAZE have been working at the Fostoria Site. He spoke with Patrick Kirby who advised that possibilities for are looking up at the site.

\* Councilperson Remke asked for an update on the city's security system and website. Chief Mitchell noted that he and the City Manager have been working on both.

\* Councilperson Remke informed council that he has information on controlling the number of families living in one household and will provide the ordinance to the Policy Committee.

\* Councilperson Remke presented council with pictures of vacant and dilapidated structures in the city.

\* Councilperson Saunders reported that he turned addresses over to the City Manager of residents who have OH plates.

\* Councilperson DeWitt reported that some trailers on Ruby Street owned by Mr. Sam Harris are in a trust, therefore, the city can not sue or fine him as the owner.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion of a Recommendation by the Moundsville Planning Commission to Approve a Zone Change at 1601, 1610, 1631 and 1633 Ruby Street and 1441 Pearl Street from M-P (Mobile Home Park) to S-E (Special Event District).**

Councilperson Remke moved to approve the zone change, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Attorney White noted that council should make the motion to direct him to draft the ordinance or send the proposal to the Policy Committee to obtain more information.

Councilperson Remke and Simms rescinded their motion and second then sent the proposal to the Policy Committee for further discussion.

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

\* Councilperson Wood asked City Manager Hess to send thank you letters to the Moundsville Economic Development Council and the Marshall County Commission for their generous donation to the Comprehensive Plan.

\* Councilperson Remke asked if outside companies are contacted when the city advertises for bids on paving or the purchase of equipment? Attorney White noted that a legal ad is placed in the Wheeling News Register and Moundsville Echo. But companies are not contacted privately.

\* Councilperson Saunders reported that a resident left a hole in the street at the corner of Grant Avenue and Ninth Street.

\* Councilperson Remke reported vehicles parking in front of handicapped ramps around the city.

\* Councilperson Remke reported the street locator sign at 3<sup>rd</sup> & Jefferson needs replaced.

\* Councilperson Remke reported the handicapped sign at the church on 9<sup>th</sup> Street & Parriott Avenue needs removed. Building in no longer a church.

**MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Wallace announced that WV Delegate Mike Ferro presented Acknowledgments to the City of Moundsville for assisting in the Freedom Wall.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the Acknowledgment and have it framed, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

\* Mayor Wallace read a Proclamation to proclaim November 18-24, 2012 Christian Heritage Week.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Councilperson Simms scheduled a traffic meeting on October 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Councilperson Wood scheduled a policy committee meeting following the traffic meeting.

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

Councilperson Saunders scheduled a finance meeting following the policy meeting.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

\* **Saunders** - Attended the ceremony of Patrolman Brendon Ross who graduated from the WV State Police Academy.

\* Hopes that more citizens get involved in the Neighborhood Watch Committee.

\* Announced the Parks & Recreation will be involving the city when applying for grants.

\* Reported the skate park moving slowly. Fifty three letters were sent to businesses asking for donations with three responding.

\* **DeWitt** - Reported a truck route sign going south on Cedar Avenue near Fourth Street that is partly into the sidewalk needs to be moved closer to Fourth Street.

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

\* **Wood** - Asked Chief Mitchell to contact the Marshall County Sheriff Department to see if they would like to purchase the city's truck scales.

\* Announced the 2012 Christmas Parade is scheduled for November 17, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Dennis Wallace, Mayor