

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
DECEMBER 4, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on December 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson 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: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt.

Regular Council Meeting of November 20, 2012.

Councilperson Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 20, 2012, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Remke asked who cut trees at the Riverfront on DNR property? Street Commissioner Richmond reported that his department cleaned up the debris and will finish cleaning up the rest of the area.

* Councilperson Simms asked City Manager Hess to forward all correspondence concerning the intersection at 5th & Jefferson Avenue to Delegate Mike Ferro. He is hoping to help council obtain a 4 way stop at that location.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion & Approval of Bid for Sale of Used Garbage Truck.

One bid was received from N & N Disposal of St. Mary's WV to purchase the 2001 Mac Refuse Truck in the amount of \$6,000.00.

Councilperson Wood moved to accept the bid from N&N Disposal in the amount of \$6,000.00 seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Remke asked that council consider adding to the Policy Meeting agenda the possibility of changing the zone on the property between Moundsville Kroger parking lot and Teletech from Industrial (I) to Combined Central Business and Highway Commercial and Integrated Commercial Center District (C-C-C-H). He feels if this property is already zoned for commercial, developers will be more adamant to build on that property.

Mayor Wallace and Councilperson Wood disagreed stating that council should not make that decision without authorization from the property owner.

* Councilperson Remke suggested that council discuss the possibility of applying for Home Rule in the future.

* Councilperson Wood met with Dr. Margaret Stout at which time she informed him that she was in the process of entering an agreement with WV School of Law that will allow five of their students to assist the City of Moundsville with the zoning portion of the Comprehensive Plan. Dr. Stout also informed Councilperson Wood of another program called "Cap Stone". This will allow three students to assist the city with ordinances and policies.

* Councilperson Saunders asked Councilperson Remke who would be responsible if the person cleaning sidewalks on Jefferson Avenue would damage a vehicle. Councilperson Remke responded the individual is working for the MAC (Moundsville Activities Committee) which is a division of the Chamber of Commerce.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Hess announced the Marshall County Commission has purchased Jozebeth's Building on Seventh Street to relocate the Sheriff Department and 911 Center. Since Jozebeth's had been in business for 75 years Manager Hess suggested presenting a plaque to the family for their years of service.

* Councilperson Saunders asked Manager Hess to inform council of the area where free parking is available during the holiday season. Manager Hess advised that Jefferson Avenue, the two city parking lots and connecting side streets from Jefferson Avenue (Second Street & Third Street)

* Manager Hess announced that Business After Hours Christmas Tree Gala will be held at the Museum starting at 5:00 p.m. Any council person wishing to attend, please call Marilyn.

* Manager Hess also announced the City Christmas luncheon will be on Friday, December 14, 2012 at 12:00 p.m., at the Street Department building.

* Judging for the House Decorating will be December 13, 2012.

* Manager Hess wished to thank Councilperson David Wood for his assistance and cooperation with updating the city's Comprehensive Plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Saunders scheduled a Finance Meeting on Tuesday, December 11, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Councilperson Simms scheduled a Traffic Meeting following the Finance Meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Councilperson Wood scheduled a Policy Meeting following the Traffic Meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

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

* **Saunders** - Announced the Parks & Recreation Board will be applying for a grant of approximately \$80,000 to build a new Riverfront Park Shelter.

* Made a motion to reschedule to regular council meeting of Tuesday, January 1, 2013 to Wednesday, January 2, 2013, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

* Asked Councilperson Remke who he was representing when he was on the news talking about the vacant houses in Moundsville. Mr. Remke replied that he was representing himself, not council.

* **DeWitt** - Asked if the trees removed from the Riverfront Park will be replaced? Street Commissioner Richmond advised they will not be replaced.

* **Remke** - Wished to thank the city for their support during the "Old Fashion Christmas" held on Jefferson Avenue Saturday December 1.

* **Wood** - Announced a Second Ward Neighborhood Meeting at the FRN Building, 6:00 p.m. December 5.

* Announced that individuals has told him they would be willing to provide the funds to replace the trees in median on Lafayette Avenue.

* **Simms** - Asked that a request to change Elm Avenue to one way from First Street to Walnut Avenue be placed on the Traffic Agenda.

* Asked if all new lighting on Lafayette Avenue is in the contract with the state? City Manager Hess reported the state will be taking care of the lighting.

Councilperson Saunders moved for an executive session to discuss personnel matters, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Session recessed at 7:40 p.m.

Regular Session reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Executive Session convened at 7:45 p.m.

Executive Session recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Regular Session convened at 8:15 p.m.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 15 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor