

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
NOVEMBER 19, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on November 19, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson David Wood.

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

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of October 15, 2013.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 5, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Presentation by Williams Energy.

Helen Humphries and Michelle Blake of Williams Energy presented an \$18,000 check to the City of Moundsville for the restoration of the Riverfront Shelter and Restrooms.

Community Traffic Safety Award.

The City of Moundsville Police Department was presented with a Community Traffic Safety Platinum Award acknowledging their group efforts for extended patrol to insure that Moundsville is a safe city.

* Councilperson D. Haynes wished to thank Ms. Humphries and Mrs. Blake for their presentation. He expressed how thankful council and Moundsville residents are for Williams Energy locating in the city.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood thanked City Manager Hess, Sanitary Superintendent Bonar and WV DOT for fixing the manhole cover at First Street & Grant Avenue.

* Councilperson Wood announced the Landscape Architectural Group from WVU will be visiting on Thursday, December 5 at 12:00 p.m. And Wednesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m., the WVU Law Students along with the Moundsville Planning Commission will be meeting to discuss the Comprehensive Plan.

* Councilperson Remke reported the walk signals at Third Street & Jefferson Avenue are still not working.

* Councilperson Remke asked for an update on the vehicle at Ash Avenue & First Street with OH plates. Chief Mitchell reported not seeing the vehicle but he will check again.

* Councilperson Remke asked for an update with the Home Rule Committee. Mayor Saunders announced the committee will meet on December 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., to discuss the application.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the Sanitary Board was able to check sinking in the street at 7th Street & Grant Avenue? Manager Hess noted the sanitary crew will be running a camera through the drain.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Re-Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board. (Council's Appointment)

Manager Hess received a letter from Kelley Bidka asking to be re-appointed to the Moundsville Parks & Recreation Board.

Councilperson Wood moved to re-appoint Kelley Bidka to the Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked if DNR was suppose to remove the debris from the docks at the 13th Street boat dock? Manager Hess added should DNR not respond, the Street Commissioner and Fire Chief will remove the walkway and dock from the river.

* Councilperson Wood announced the "If I were Mayor" essay hoping there will be several participants from Moundsville.

* Councilperson Wood reported the upper back porch of the old B&K Market on 8th Street, is on an angle looks like its going to fall off. And a car on blocks in the rear of the building.

- * Councilperson DeWitt reported a large hole around the water meter at the same location.
- * Councilperson Remke requested signs concerning owners cleaning up their animals waste on Jefferson Avenue.
- * Councilperson D. Haynes asked what kind of letter does Mrs. Bidka need from council concerning the dog park? Manager Hess advised that she has spoken with Ms. Bidka concerning the letter she needs for a grant.
- * Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting a \$50 donation to the Shop with a Cop program, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER ITEMS:

- * Manager Hess announced December 12, 2013 will be the House Decorating Contest with two categories of Most Original \$100 and Most Decorations \$50.
- * Manager Hess wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

MAYOR ITEMS:

- * Mayor Saunders commented that a grant was being obtained through the Governors Community Partnership Grant for the playground equipment at the Park View Playground.
- * Mayor Saunders announced the monies obtained from Williams Energy will be used to extend the Riverfront Shelter and update restrooms.
- * Mayor Saunders also announced that repairs are being conducted at the Valley Fork Baseball Field. The scoreboard has been installed along with new back stops.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Ordinance dealing with Pawnbrokers; Section 731. Chief Mitchell presented a proposed amendment for consideration. Committee recommends to forward to Council for vote.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance pertaining to "Pawnbrokers", seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Christmas Holiday Office Closing. Committee recommends granting the day before Christmas and a half day on New Year's Eve.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to grant Christmas Eve as a holiday for employees also ½ day on New Year's Eve, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Parking Vehicles in Parkway, Section 361.03. Committee recommends to revise by adding to the existing ordinance to read: Item #1: On a sidewalk or curb; or the space between them, known as the "parkway".

Councilperson Dewitt made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance pertaining to parking on the "Parkway", seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

1. Discussion of Free Parking at Meters During Holidays. Committee recommends granting free parking beginning Friday, November 29th through Wednesday, January 1st, except for meters around Court House.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to permit free parking during the holidays beginning on November 29 through January 1, 2014, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Wood** - Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

* **Remke** - Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving. Reminded council and citizens of a "Christmas to Remember" and tree light up on November 30, 2013 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

* **D. Haynes** - Hopes that council will give more attention to building the skate park. Mayor Saunders said the skatepark committee is in the process of ordering two skate rails for the park.

* Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

* **P. Haynes** - Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

* **DeWitt** - Commented she was pleased with all the work going on at the Park View Playground.

* Wished to thank Williams Energy for their donation.

* Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders Sr., Mayor