

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**
2 **DECEMBER 1, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Gene Saunders.
8 Invocation was given by Councilman K Mark Simms.

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10 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called roll and the following Councilpersons were in
11 attendance: DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, and Vice Mayor
12 Saunders. Absent was Mayor Wood, who is still in the hospital. Also present were City
13 Manager Hess, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Police Chief Mitchell, Public Works Director
14 Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Goddard, and Attorney White.

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16 **MINUTES:**

17 **Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 2015**

18 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the November 17, 2015 minutes as
19 presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman DeWitt and carried unanimously.

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21 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

22 * Frank Boso of 1208 Purdy Avenue again voiced his opposition to implementation of the
23 proposed sales tax. Mr. Boso may be in Florida when the ordinance is voted on, and he
24 wants to make sure his opinion is clear. Mr. Boso asked the audience if anyone was in
25 favor of the Sales Tax; Vice Mayor Saunders reminded him that he is to address Council.
26 Mr. Boso doesn't feel a Business & Occupation Tax decrease of one-twentieth of 1% is
27 enough to benefit businesses. And a 1/2% or 1% Sales Tax will greatly affect residents
28 already struggling with fixed incomes. Mr. Boso also read that Council is considering
29 additional expenditures for Four Seasons Pool and Riverfront Park, as well as the
30 proposed dilapidated buildings and street paving. Mr. Boso feels Council should use
31 existing revenue sources to pay for what is needed.

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33 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

35 * Councilwoman DeWitt reminded Vice Mayor Saunders to announce the house
36 decorating contest.

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38 * Councilwoman DeWitt asked if there was any new information on the Transfer Station?
39 Councilman David Haynes has not heard back from anyone.

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41 * Councilwoman DeWitt noted Route 2 traffic is better since the Department of Highways
42 is working at night.

1 * Councilman Paul Haynes commented the dilapidated houses on Linden Avenue and at
2 Locust and Highland Avenues need to be addressed. Inspector Richmond noted the owner
3 of the Highland Avenue property is due to appear in Municipal Court; and the other
4 property has been sold again.

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6 * Councilman David Haynes asked about monitoring of traffic on Route 2? Chief Mitchell
7 talked to Jay Wallace at the Department of Highways, who informed Chief Mitchell the
8 State would be looking at the impact on commuters.

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10 * Councilman Simms asked if the Jefferson Avenue Bridge was on schedule, which it is.

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12 * Councilman Hendershot is disappointed the State didn't find it necessary to hire an off-
13 duty officer to monitor traffic on Route 2. There has been a 50% increase in wrecks since
14 the Jefferson Avenue Extension bridge work began.

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16 **NEW BUSINESS:**

17 **Other items to be Discussed by Council**

18 * Councilman David Haynes commented the City Manager needs to purchase a new
19 vehicle, as the heater in the van is beyond repair.

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21 * Councilwoman DeWitt concurred the Manager's vehicle is wearing out and not safe for
22 Manager Hess to continue driving much longer.

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24 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

25 • Manager Hess read a letter from Mayor Wood, which the Mayor had planned to read
26 himself at the November 2 meeting, but he was kept away due to the car wreck. Mayor
27 Wood does not wish to serve as Mayor in 2016, as he has too many other
28 responsibilities and feels the Mayor should be available to serve the City and its
29 residents more diligently.

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31 • Manager Hess read a letter from Patty Holden and the Youth Club of Marshall County,
32 thanking Council for their donation.

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34 • Manager Hess informed everyone of a luncheon to be held at McNinch Elementary on
35 December 3, 2015 from 11:00 until 12:30. The requested donation is \$5.00, and all
36 proceeds will go to Mayor Wood's family.

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38 • Manager Hess informed Council that Vacant Building Registration Fees, collected
39 from 2012 through November 30, 2015, total \$20,950.00.

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41 • Manager Hess reminded Council members the Chamber of Commerce Business After
42 Hours will be held on December 2, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM, with the Annual

1 Christmas Tree Auction to begin at 6:30. Any members wishing to go should call the
2 Clerk's Office first thing in the morning.

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4 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 5 • Vice Mayor Saunders asked Attorney White about the status of the Home Rule
6 Application. Attorney White will have the ordinance ready for the next meeting, as
7 the public hearing process has to be conducted again.
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- 9 • Vice Mayor Saunders announced House Decorating Contest judging will be held on
10 December 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Manager Hess confirmed the contest was advertised
11 in the newspaper.
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- 13 • Vice Mayor Saunders commented that Mayor Wood is an awesome man and will be
14 hard to replace as Mayor! Vice Mayor Saunders noted Mayor Wood is scheduled to
15 be moved this week to Morgantown, which is great news, as his recovery is progressing
16 better than expected. Vice Mayor Saunders attributes this to all of the prayers that are
17 being lifted up for the Wood family!
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- 19 • Vice Mayor Saunders mentioned Manager Hess is moving forward with demolishing
20 dilapidated houses on Thorn Avenue, Poplar Avenue, and 2nd Street.
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22 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

23 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee*

24 The Finance Committee will meet on December 8, 2015 at 5:00 PM.
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26 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee*

27 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Finance Committee.
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29 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee*

30 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Traffic Committee.
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32 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

33 * **DeWitt** – Commented that Linda Wood appreciates all of the thoughts and prayers going
34 out for her husband and is hopeful that Dave will be home by Christmas!
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36 * **Paul Haynes** – Nothing at this time.
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38 * **David Haynes** – Had nothing at this time.
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40 * **Simms** – Nothing at this time.
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42 * **Hendershot** – Would like to have discussion, on the Home Rule application, placed on

1 the Finance Committee Agenda.

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3 Councilman Hendershot made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman
4 Paul Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor