

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, AUGUST 18, 2020**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council
5 Chambers on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

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9 Invocation by Councilman Remke.

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11 City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in
12 attendance: Hickman, Remke, Saunders, S. Wood and Mayor David Wood.
13 Absent: DeWitt & Hunt. Also present were City Manager Healy, Police Chief
14 Mitchell, Finance Director Ankrom, Attorney White and City Clerk Hewitt.
15 Meeting was also live stream on Zoom.

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17 **MINUTES:**

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19 **Regular Council Meeting of August 4, 2020.**

20 Councilman Remke moved to approve the minutes of the regular council meeting
21 of August 4, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried
22 unanimously.

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24 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

25 * Lexie Hanket, 236 Curtis Avenue, along with Norma Shaney, presented a
26 Proclamation for the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Mayor D. Wood
27 will read the proclamation during Mayor's Items.

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29 * Loretta Remke, 1509 Eighth Street, read a letter from Corey Young, 290 Glen
30 Dale Heights, Owner/Operator of EC Staffing & Consulting LLC, a company that
31 partners with the local school districts, primarily the special education
32 departments, to develop staffing plans and attract/retain the staff necessary to
33 provide services for those with special needs. His letter focuses on creating an
34 indoor splash pad at Four Seasons Pool.

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36 Councilman Remke moved to receive and file Corey Young's letter, seconded by
37 Councilwoman S. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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39 * Mayor Wood read a letter from Ellen L. Kitts, Easterseals Representative, 1305
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1 National Road, Wheeling, asking to consider enclosing a portion of the proposed
2 splash pad at Four Seasons Pool.

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4 Councilman Remke moved to receive and file the letter, seconded by
5 Councilwoman S. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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7 * Phil Remke, 1509 Eighth Street, read a letter asking council to consider the
8 proposed inclusion water park an indoor facility.

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10 Councilman Remke moved to receive and file the letter, seconded by
11 Councilwoman S. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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13 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

14 City Manager Healy presented the following report to council:

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16 1. Yesterday, I was pleased to be present at the swearing-in ceremony of two new
17 police officers. Peyton Geary and John Haglock are the two newest members of
18 the Moundsville Police Department. Also, Bill Whitelatch was promoted to
19 Sergeant and Richard Roar was promoted to Corporal. Congratulations to
20 Sergeant Whitelatch and Corporal Roar, and welcome Probationary Patrolmen
21 Geary and Haglock to the City of Moundsville.

22 2. Update on the new Municipal Building – the next meeting will be held on
23 Thursday, August 27. The preliminary concept floor plans will be presented and
24 discussed.

25 3. The Sanitary Board will be submitting a preliminary application to the West
26 Virginia Infrastructure & Jobs Development Council for approval of a project
27 involving replacement of a 15” main trunk line from 12th Street to the Sanitary
28 Plant, and in-plant upgrades and repairs, as well. The total project including all
29 options may total up to \$8 to \$8.5 million. The Board and Superintendent will be
30 looking at these project options over the next couple months to determine
31 feasibility. Ultimately, the Board will most likely need a rate increase to have
32 these projects in place, as well as to pay for the emergency repair of the sanitary
33 line at 7th and Lockwood Avenue. The Board Accountant will be developing
34 preliminary numbers in September. I bring this up in the interest of keeping
35 Council informed.

36 4. I will be on vacation starting tomorrow for one week. City Clerk Hewitt will be
37 acting City Manager during my absence. Please contact her if a need arises.

38 5. Please continue to patronize the local establishments and shops as they continue
39 to struggle from the effects of COVID-19.

1 **OLD BUSINESS:**

2 * Councilman Remke received complaints of kids at East End playground after
3 10:00 curfew. He requested more patrol. City Manager Healy said he spoke with
4 Chief Mitchell on the subject who said officers have increased patrol in that area.

5 * Councilman Remke said some businesses would like to work with the city in
6 disposing tires.

7 * Councilman Remke congratulated new officers.

8 * Councilwoman S. Wood was approached Christina Wood asked that her fiancé
9 also be recognized for saving her from the attack of dogs that caused her a
10 tremendous amount of suffering. Councilwoman S. Wood moved to recognize
11 Logan Monahan for helping to save Christina Wood from dog attack, seconded by
12 Councilman Saunders. 4 yeas, 1 nay. Remke voting nay. Motion carried.

13 * Councilman Saunders asked for an update concerning dogs inside the residence
14 at 1808 Penn Street. Manager Healy said 6 dogs have been adopted out, 3 are still
15 at the house. Animal Control is allowing the owner until the end of the week to
16 find homes for the other 3 dogs. Building Inspections will continue to monitor
17 residence.

18 * Councilman Saunders asked for an update of the trees on Third Street. Manager
19 Healy said a work order was done.

20 * Councilman Saunders reported kids at East End playground after curfew. He has
21 received complaints from neighbors around the park. The neighbors have
22 requested another street light and more patrol.

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24 **NEW BUSINESS:**

25 **Discussion and Approval of Engineering Agreement for the Four Seasons Pool**
26 **Splash Pad by Thrasher Engineering.**

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28 Councilman Saunders moved to approve the engineering agreement with Thrasher
29 Engineering, seconded by Councilwoman Hickman. 5 yeas. Motion carried
30 unanimously.

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32 **Discussion and Award of the Paving Bids: Wilson Blacktop \$581,590.00; Cast**
33 **& Baker \$600,999.90; Kelly Paving \$901,296.00.**

34 Councilman Saunders moved to award the 2020 paving bid to Wilson Blacktop in
35 the amount of \$581,590.00, seconded by Councilman Remke. Motion carried
36 unanimously. Manager Healy noted Wilson Blacktop can begin the paving process
37 at the end of August.

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39 **Discussion and Approval to Donate \$100 to Relay for Life.**

40 Councilwoman S. Wood moved to approve a \$100 donation to Relay for Life,

1 seconded by Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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3 **Discussion and Approval of Appointing Councilwoman Brianna Hickman as**
4 **Council’s Designee to the Design Review Board.**

5 Councilman Saunders moved to appoint Councilwoman Hickman to the Design
6 Review Board, seconded by Councilwoman S. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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8 **Discussion and Approval to direct Attorney White to Draft a Revision to Article**
9 **121.06 to Include Compensation of \$75.00 Per Meeting for Secretaries of**
10 **Certain Boards and Commission.**

11 Councilman Saunders moved to direct Attorney White to draft a revision to the
12 ordinance pertaining to compensation for secretaries of certain boards and
13 commissions, seconded by Councilwoman S. Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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15 **Discussion and Approval to Continue Working on the Same Nine Goals for a**
16 **Two Year Period.**

17 Councilwoman S. Wood moved to continue working on the nine goals for a two year
18 period, seconded by Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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20 **Discussion and Approval of Extending the Free Parking in the Business**
21 **District and Adding a Limit of 1 Hour Parking From 9-5 on a Trial Basis**
22 **Starting September 1 through September 31, 2020.**

23 Councilman Saunders moved to extend free parking with 1 hour parking limit
24 starting September 1, 2020 until September 31, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman
25 Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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27 **Discussion of Personnel Matters and Real Estate Matters.**

28 Councilwoman S. Wood moved to discuss personnel matter and real estate matters
29 in executive session after the regular meeting, seconded by Councilwoman
30 Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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

33 * Councilman Saunders said he reported to the Manager and Police Chief of an
34 individual burning brush at 10:30 p.m. Manager Healy said Chief Mitchell spoke
35 to the individual.

36 * Councilwoman S. Wood announced the Arts & Culture Commission is
37 sponsoring a Movie Night on September 12 at the Valley Fork boy’s baseball
38 fields parking lot starting at dusk. Movie showing is “Onward”. Free popcorn and
39 candy.

1 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

2 * Mayor D. Wood read the 19th Amendment 100th Year Anniversary Proclamation
3 and signed it along with Mrs. Hanket and Mrs. Shaney.

4 Councilman Remke moved to receive and file the proclamation, seconded by
5 Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

6 * Mayor Wood welcomed the new Police Officers.

7 * Announced he will be attending the new proposed Municipal Building meeting
8 on August 27.

9 * Thanked all those who picked up election packets for council positions. Mayor
10 Wood is hoping to hold a candidate forum so public can meeting the candidates
11 and introduce themselves to the citizens.

12 Councilman Remke moved to discuss this at policy meeting, seconded by
13 Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

16 The Finance Sub Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 followed
17 by the Traffic Sub Committee and Policy Sub Committee.

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19 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

20 * **S. Wood** – Thanked City Manager Healy for meeting with her several times on
21 the Goals for the City of Moundsville.

22 * **Hickman** – Reminded everyone of Relay for Life on Saturday, August 22, 2020
23 from 9-11 p.m. Volunteers are needed. The event will take place in the John
24 Marshall High School parking lot.

25 * **Saunders** – Reminded everyone the Marshall County Health Department is
26 sponsoring a free Covid-19 testing behind John Marshall High School, Friday
27 morning.

28 * Thanked City Clerk Hewitt for follow up on 1810 Penn Street complaint.

29 * **Remke** – Nothing at this time.

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31 Councilman Remke moved to adjourn for a brief recess before the executive
32 session, seconded by Councilwoman Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

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34 Meeting recessed at 8:11 p.m.

35 Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m.

36 Executive session began at 8:20 p.m.

37 Executive session recessed at 8:55 p.m.

38 Meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

1 Councilwoman Hickman moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman S. Wood.
2 Motion carried unanimously.

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4 Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor

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