

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
2 **JANUARY 6, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.
8 Invocation was given by Councilperson 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, Saunders, Simms, and
12 Mayor Wood. Also present: Acting City Manager Hewitt, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire
13 Chief Clarke, Public Works Director Richmond, CPA Goddard, and Attorney White.
14 Absent was City Manager Hess, due to illness.

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16 Mayor Wood asked those present to keep Manager Hess in their thoughts as she goes
17 through a difficult time.

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19 **MINUTES:**

20 **Regular Council Meeting of December 16, 2014**

21 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes of the regular Council
22 meeting of December 16, 2014, which was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders; motion
23 carried unanimously.

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25 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

26 Mayor Wood took a moment to inform the public that Council members are not required
27 to respond to, nor make any immediate decisions based on, information provided during
28 the Public Hearing. They will respectfully listen and further research any concerns
29 presented.

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31 **Fire Chief Noel Clarke – Presentation to Firefighters**

32 Chief Clarke informed Council the Fire Department's First Responder Program began in
33 1997, and his staff has become well trained. Although City of Moundsville firefighters
34 have helped during many events, they have not received public recognition since 2012.
35 Chief Clarke had Mayor Wood and Vice Mayor Saunders present “Star of Life Awards”
36 to Assistant Chief Ron Walker and Firefighters Gary Brandon and Kevin Kimple. The
37 Awards note several dates since 2012 the responders assisted during critical situations.
38 Chief Clarke explained that paramedic training is very exhaustive and consumes one to
39 two years of a trainee's life; and he is very proud of the effort put forth by his firefighters!

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41 Mayor Wood took a moment to welcome new Council member Allen Hendershot.
42 Councilman Hendershot thanked the citizens that voted for him and is “excited to serve!”

1 **H Carl Boso Jr – Complaint of Councilperson**

2 Councilman Simms offered an apology to Mr. Boso for a comment made at the previous
3 Council meeting; however, Mr. Boso was not accepting of the apology and feels
4 Councilman Simms is in the wrong for accusing Mr. Boso of lying.

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6 Mr. Boso explained work he has completed on his Parriott Avenue property and
7 questioned why other properties on this street, as well as other areas of the City, are not
8 being addressed.

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10 Mr. Boso feels the “Vacant Building Registration Fee” is unfair and should not be charged
11 to property owners who are attempting to make their properties inhabitable.

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13 No one else wished to address Council.

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15 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

17 No one wished to discuss items at this time.

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19 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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21 Mayor Wood read the resolution by title only:

22 **Consider for Adoption a Supplemental Resolution Which Would Approve Certain**
23 **Terms of the Not to Exceed \$400,000.00 City of Moundsville Building Commission**
24 **Lease Revenue Bonds, Series 2014, the Forms of Certain Documents to be Executed**
25 **and Delivered by the City of Moundsville in Connection with the Issuance of Such**
26 **Bonds and Matters Relating Thereto for the Purchase of the Kittle Hauling Property**

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28 Attorney White explained Tom Aman of Steptoe & Johnson PLLC presented a resolution
29 at this evening's Municipal Building Commission meeting, which was approved; and the
30 official closing will be tomorrow. Mayor Wood thanked Building Commission Chairman
31 Rickman, who was in the audience, as well as the other Building Commission members,
32 for their work and approval of the bond issuance for \$376,500.00. Mayor Wood explained
33 the term is for 12 years at a fixed interest rate of 2.64%, with the first payment to be made
34 February 7, 2015 and final payment in 2027.

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36 Councilman David Haynes opined he thought this matter was tabled at the previous
37 Council meeting, which was confirmed to be correct. Councilman Simms made the
38 motion to bring the Supplemental Resolution off the table, which was seconded by Vice
39 Mayor Saunders and carried unanimously.

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41 Councilman Simms then made a motion to adopt the Supplemental Resolution to approve
42 the terms of the Lease Revenue Bonds. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders.

1 Councilman Hendershot noted that, although he is not completely opposed to the process
2 itself, he is not fully informed and has some concerns, to which he is seeking answers.

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4 Mayor Wood called for a roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the
5 following tally: six yeas, one nay, with Hendershot voting nay. Motion carried. It was
6 noted the correct paperwork does identify the Bonds as “Series 2015” not “Series 2014.”

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8 **Discussion & Approval of an Ordinance to Abandon Two (2) Alleys Between 11th &
9 12th Streets & Purdy Avenue (Hunnell's) (First Reading)**

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11 Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only:
12 **An Ordinance Vacating, Abandoning and Annuling a Portion of Two Alleys
13 Between Purdy Avenue and Lockwood Avenue and Frontage Road No 2 and
14 Eleventh Street**

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16 Councilman Simms made a motion to approve the ordinance, which was seconded by
17 Councilwoman DeWitt.

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19 Ron Musser, attorney for Mr. Hunnell, provided a brief history of the area and rare use of
20 the roadways being abandoned. One of the alleys is a dirt road and nearly impassable.
21 Mr. Hunnell owns all of the adjoining property and requests the abandonment to avoid
22 setback issues with a future service facility to be constructed on the former Barr property.

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24 Councilman David Haynes noted only one neighbor raised concerns to him.

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26 Motion carried unanimously.

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

29 * Councilman David Haynes asked whether the annual evaluation of the City Manager
30 should've been published on the Agenda. Attorney White confirmed Council can do the
31 evaluation any time during an Executive Session; however, according to the City Charter,
32 the confirmation has to have a public notice. It is permissible to do the City Manager's
33 evaluation and/or confirmation during the last meeting in January.

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35 * Councilman Simms distributed the 2014 paving priority list for members to review and
36 prepare to discuss at next week's Committee meeting. Councilman Paul Haynes expressed
37 concern about “waviness” on Ash Avenue, between 2nd and 3rd Streets.

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39 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

40 Acting Manager Hewitt had nothing to discuss at this time.

1 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 2 • Mayor Wood presented the 2015 Council Committee Assignments, which did not
3 include Council liaisons to the Animal Tethering, Development, and Refuse Oversight
4 Committees, as they have not been active. Mayor Wood encouraged Council members
5 to invite others to help serve on their committees.
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- 7 • Mayor Wood would like to discuss some Capital Improvement possibilities at the
8 Finance Committee meeting.
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- 10 • Mayor Wood wants to discuss Council's brochure and 2015 goals at the Policy
11 Committee meeting.
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- 13 • Mayor Wood provided invitations to the Legislative gathering on Thursday at 6:00 PM
14 at the MEDC building.
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- 16 • Mayor Wood attended today's County Commission meeting, at which Scott Varner and
17 Stan Stewart were sworn in. The Commission discussed, among other issues, future
18 events at Grand Vue Park and unexpended funds. The Sanford Center received a
19 \$5,000.00 grant from the Commission.
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21 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

23 The Finance Committee will meet January 13, 2015 at 5:00 PM.
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25 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

26 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Finance Committee.
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28 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

29 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Policy Committee.
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31 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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33 * **DeWitt** – Nothing to discuss at this time.
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35 * **Paul Haynes** – Asked Chief Mitchell to send extra patrols around the cemeteries on
36 Jefferson Avenue.
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38 * **David Haynes** – Welcomed Councilman Hendershot!
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40 * **Simms** – Nothing to discuss at this time.
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42 * **Saunders** – Noted he has received complaints about four-wheelers on Ruby Avenue that

1 are hidden from view when police patrols arrive.

2 * Broached discussion of a recycling program as a “goal” of Council. Councilwoman
3 DeWitt is trying to get guest speakers to come with information.

4 * Welcomed Councilman Hendershot!

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6 Mayor Wood asked for a house on Morton Avenue, between 10th and 11th Streets, be
7 looked at.

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9 * Vice Mayor Saunders expressed concern about the growing drug problem in our area.

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11 Mayor Wood asked for responses to the Legislative gathering invitation, which all of
12 Council confirmed they would attend.

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14 * **Hendershot** – Again thanked the voters of Moundsville for their support and promised
15 to do his best! He feels the City of Moundsville is “poised to improve” and he is eager to
16 help!

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18 Councilman Paul Haynes made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by
19 Councilman David Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor