

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
NOVEMBER 20, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on November 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Gene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Simms.

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

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of November 7, 2012.

Councilperson Wood made a correction on page 6, line 32 should read November 9, 2012, not November 8, 2012.

Councilperson Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of November 7, 2012, as amended, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* John Yeater, 101 Cherokee Drive, co-owner of property at 805 Tenth Street, asked for council's support for his request to the Zoning Appeals Board to hang a large sign on the side of his building on 10th Street. Mr. Yeater also presented Vice Mayor Saunders with a proposed design of a shelter for the Riverfront Park.

* Walter Rhome, 1500 Water Street, asked Council and City Manager various questions concerning what he can put and/or store on his property located on Water Street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on Fostoria. Manager Hess reported that Tom Brown of GAB said he is still waiting on the Certificate of Completion. Mr. Brown reported

two commercial “for sale” signs have been removed from the property.

* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the City’s website. Manager Hess noted the new web designer will meet with her next week.

* Councilperson Wood commented on the signs posted throughout the city that provide citizens with municipal fee amounts and where the monies are being spent have been tore down. He asked that Manager Hess contact the Moundsville Daily Echo to see if they would provide that information. Mr. Wood expressed that he feels citizens have a right to know how their tax dollars are being spent.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Hess wished everyone a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Vice Mayor Saunders reported paving the old tennis courts at East End for the skate park is complete and a ramp will be installed.

* Vice Mayor Saunders reported trees have fallen onto the abandoned alley behind Jackson Street.

* Councilperson Remke requested the area behind backstop of the baseball field be resurfaced.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Granting Holidays for Employees for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve. Committee recommends to grant holidays for employees on Christmas Eve and New Years Eve.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve holidays for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve for employees, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Employee Dental Insurance Coverage Renewal. Committee recommends to renew same coverage as last year with no rate increase.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to renew same coverage as last year with no rate increase, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of House Decorating Contest. Committee recommends proceeding with

advertising. Judging will be done on December 13 with presentation of winners at December 18 council meeting.

Councilperson Simms moved to proceed with advertising for the House Decorating Contest, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Purchasing a Dump Truck for the Street Department. Committee recommends proceed with advertising for bids.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to proceed with advertising for bids, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

1. Discussion of Free Meter Parking During Holidays. Committee recommends to approve free meter parking from November 23 through January 2, 2013 excluding areas around the Court House.

Councilperson Simms moved to approve free parking at meters from November 23 through January 2, 2013 excluding areas around the Court House, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Intersection at Fifth Street & Jefferson Avenue. Committee recommends asking the DOH for a traffic study and request a representative to attend the next traffic meeting.

Manager Hess reported that DOH recommends leaving the intersection a 2 way stop, changing the intersection to 4 way stop will cause more confusion. Manager Hess commented that drivers need to use more caution when entering this intersection.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Remke** - Announce December 1 will be Old Fashion Christmas on Jefferson Avenue, Christmas Tree Light up in the BB&T lot at 6:00 p.m. Train rides from 4-7 p.m. A two hour movie will be shown at the Strand, tickets are \$10.

* Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

* **Wood** - Invited everyone to a second Neighborhood Watch Meeting on December 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m. at the FRN Building, 2nd Street & Cedar Avenue.

* Great turn out for the parade. Never saw so many people standing along the Jefferson Avenue.

* Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

* **Simms** - Wished everyone Happy Thanksgiving.

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

* **DeWitt** - Parade was a great turn out with great weather.

* Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Vice Mayor