

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JANUARY 20, 2015**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Hendershot, Simms and Mayor Wood. Absent: Eugene Saunders. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Asst. Fire Chief Walker, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Meeting of January 6, 2015.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 6, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION:

Presentation to Autumn Kettler - Winner of "If I Were Mayor" Essay Contest.

Mayor Wood presented Autumn Kettler with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City of Moundsville and asked her to read her essay to the audience.

Presentation by the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission to A.C. Jackson of 1212 Seventh Street.

Mayor Wood introduced Candy Dobbs and Joe Parriott who presented Mr. & Mrs. Jackson with a certificate from the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission for restoring a historical residence in the City of Moundsville.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, listened as Mayor Wood answered his questions from the previous council meeting concerning dilapidated structures next to his property on Parriott Avenue. Mayor Wood did not have information on the Smith Mart property. Mr. Boso asked why the city sent an asbestos inspector to his rental house on Parriott Avenue. Mayor Wood said he

spoke with the Building Inspector who said the city did not send an asbestos inspector to his house.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion & Approval of an Ordinance to Abandon Two (2) Alleys between 11th & 12th Street & Purdy Avenue. (Hunnell's) (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, VACATING, ABANDONING AND ANNULLING A PORTION OF TWO ALLEYS BETWEEN PURDY AVENUE AND LOCKWOOD AVENUE AND FRONTAGE ROAD NO 2 AND ELEVENTH STREET. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Simms moved to approve the alley abandonment ordinance, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Wood called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas, 1 nay. DeWitt voting nay. Motion carried.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt said Delegate Ferro, during the Legislative gathering at the Moundsville Training Center, made comment to the Moundsville Docks being addressed and should be in operation in Spring 2015.

* Councilperson Simms asked if the city had exemptions under the Vacant Building Registration Ordinance? Attorney White advised the ordinance does provide for exemption for city council to grant for a specific period of time based on just cause.

NEW BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Hendershot recommended before second reading of the abandonment ordinance and since both parties are present from Moundsville Co-op and Auto Choice that they meet with City Manager Hess to discuss any issues with properties.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess thanked City Clerk Hewitt for acting in her behalf while she was ill.

* Manager Hess welcomed newly elect Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wood welcomed City Manager Hess back from her illness. Mayor Wood thanked City Clerk Hewitt for acting in her behalf.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Capital Improvement Possibilities. Committee recommends to place monies in a “general” capital improvement fund to be used as needed.
2. Discussion of Reserving Space at the Chamber Home & Business Expo. Committee recommends reserving a space.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to purchase a booth at the Home & Business Expo March 6 & 7, 2015, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

No recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

1. Discussion of Request from Marshall County Co-op for “No Parking” Sign on South Side of Eleventh Street from Purdy Avenue to Lockwood Avenue. Committee recommends to authorize signage.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to authorize the “No Parking” sign on the south side of Eleventh Street from Purdy Avenue to Lockwood Avenue, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes.

Mayor Wood recognized Mr. Bob Hunnell, Auto Choice, who questioned why council would not permit parking on Eleventh Street?

Mayor Wood recognized Mr. David Voithoffer, Marshall County Co-Op, to answer the question by Mr. Hunnell as to why he is requesting no parking on Eleventh Street. Mr. Voithoffer said tractor trailers can not get in and out of the Co-Op Parking lot if vehicles are parked on Eleventh Street.

Councilperson Hendershot moved to amend his first motion to state “no parking” on Eleventh Street from the gate of Co-Op to Purdy Avenue, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wood asked for a vote on the amendment to authorize “No Parking” zone be from main entrance of Co-Op to Purdy Avenue on Eleventh Street. 6 years. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wood asked for a vote on the original motion to authorize “No Parking” zone on south side of Eleventh Street from Purdy Avenue to the west side of Co-Op. 6 years. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Request from Marshall County Co-op to Extend Abandonment of Alley Running from Purdy Avenue to Lockwood Avenue between Eleventh Street & POW Street. Committee recommends to direct the City Attorney to draft an abandonment ordinance for the additional 89 feet.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft the abandonment ordinance 89 feet, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wood recognized Mr. Bob Hunnell who said that Mr. Voithoffer should have to follow the same procedure that he did when filing for an abandonment.

After some discussion, Councilperson Simms made a motion to table until Mr. Voithoffer files the request abandonment application, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Hendershot** - Wished to thank the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission for their efforts & presentation this evening & also the essay contest winners.

* Wished to thank Mayor Wood for his involvement in the legislative gathering held at the Moundsville Training Center January 8, 2015. And his involvement with the Historic Landmark Commission and essay contest winners.

* Apologized to Mr. Voithoffer for the delay in approving the abandonment request. He forgot about the process.

* **Simms** - Was happy to see Deanna return from her sickness & thanked City Clerk Hewitt for acting in her behalf.

* **D. Haynes** - Welcome back City Manager Hess. And thanked City Clerk Hewitt as Acting City Manager.

* **P. Haynes** - Welcome back City Manager and thanks to City Clerk Hewitt.

* Reported vehicle with WV plates & no inspection. Also one with OH plates and WV inspection.

* **DeWitt** - Asked for volunteers at the Home & Business Expo.

* Welcome back City Manager Hess.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor