

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
MARCH 4, 2014**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on March 4, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

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

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of February 18, 2014.**

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 18, 2014, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

\* Gary Workman, owner of Bobs Lunch, 800 Third Street, complained that removing the meters in front of 802 Third Street has hurt his business. This has allowed 5 vehicles belonging to the resident to park there taking spaces away from his patrons. He asked why the meters were removed.

Chief Mitchell noted that extremely cold temperatures have caused meters to freeze. Meters had to be taken from other locations to replace frozen meters. The meters on Third Street will be replaced when they become available.

\* Carl Boso, 305 Tenth Street, said he checked the meter on Third Street before he made the complaint about the vehicles parking there and it was working fine. Chief Mitchell said that the meter may have been working fine but when he drove passed the meter was not showing red or green which leads him to believe the meter was broken or froze.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

\* Councilperson D. Haynes asked for an update on the skatepark. Mayor Saunders reported the rails have been in. Recreation Director Marc Baker is waiting on a break in the weather before installing them.

\* Councilperson Wood reported the Home Expo went well. Citizen attendance was good.

\* Councilperson DeWitt thanked Chief Mitchell, Chief Clarke, Mayor Saunders and Councilperson Wood for helping at the Home Expo.

\* Councilperson Remke asked for an update on the paving of Jefferson Avenue. Manager Hess noted that DOH and the city are waiting to see if the Gas Company is going to do repairs before paving it.

\* Councilperson Remke reported vehicles still parking in the parkway/curb. Two vehicles are parking on curb in front of 1212 Seventh Street.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

\* Councilperson P. Haynes said Mrs. Kachalo asked when city was going to clean off lots behind her house.

\* Councilperson Wood reminded council members the WV Community Design Team was meeting at the City Building on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

\* Councilperson Wood mentioned that legislatures are proposing to allow all cities to apply for up to a 1% sales tax if they eliminate or lower B&O Tax rates.

\* Councilperson Wood also mentioned that legislatures are opposing some changes to the gun laws and feels the city should draft an ordinance pertaining to guns being brought on city property & in council chambers.

\* Councilperson D. Haynes noted when cities do implement a sales tax the state will add a 5% tax on what the cities bring in.

\* Councilperson Remke made a motion for council to draft a letter to the Department of Highways to re-route truck traffic from city streets in Moundsville to Rt. 2, Route 86, Route 88 and onto Rt. 250. Motion died for lack of a second.

\* Councilperson Remke received complaints from residents requesting their water meters replaced. Councilperson D. Haynes said he was not aware any residents were having problems with water meters. He noted the Water Department is in the process of replacing the meters.

\* Councilperson Remke reported the park bench in front of Cheers on Jefferson Avenue is missing.

**MANAGER ITEMS:**

\* Manager Hess announced that a legal ad for a 30 day public comment period will placed in the newspaper by March 28; the Commission will accept comments until May 12, 2014; Public Hearing will be May 15 to accept new comments and review those submitted during comment period. The Commission will present the Comprehensive Plan to City Council at the regular council meeting of May 20, 2014. City Council will then advertise for a 15 day public comment phase.

\* Manager Hess will be attending a ribbon cutting on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church for the Gabrielle Project. Council members are asked to attend.

\* Advertisement for members on the Zoning Appeals Board was published in the paper. We still have two vacancies.

\* Home Rule Public Hearing was advertised for April 1, 2014 at the regular council meeting.

\* The Annual Cub Scout Cake Bake is scheduled for Monday, March 17, 2014 at the Calvary Church. Councilperson P Haynes will be representing city council.

\* Manager Hess received a letter from the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce thanking council for attending the Home Expo.

**MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Saunders announced a Managers Workshop on the budget Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.

\* Mayor Saunders read a letter from the WV Development Office concerning the Four Seasons Pool/Playground, Parkview Playground/Courts and Valley Fork Park which were developed with Land and Water Conservation Funds, bind the locality requiring perpetual use, access, and maintenance of the park for outdoor recreation activities and which also requires replacement property for any facilities or converted to non-outdoor recreation use.

\* Mayor Saunders said this Home Expo was the best he has attended.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

Finance meeting will follow the 5:00 p.m. Budget Workshop, Tuesday, March 11, 2014.

**Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

Policy meeting will follow the finance meeting.

**Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

Traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

\* **DeWitt** - Nothing at this time.

\* **Remke** - Complimented the Street Department for job well done during snow storms.

\* Said the Home Expo was great this year.

\* **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

\* **Wood** - Asked council to keep in mind goals for March committee meeting and council handbook.

\* **D. Haynes** - Said he spoke with Delegate Dave Evans concerning legislation backed by the Governor pertaining to storage tanks along the river. They are wanting the Water Departments in WV to fund the hired inspectors. Delegate Evans said that Moundsville would not have to worry about paying into the fund since they get their water from wells.

\* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor