

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
NOVEMBER 5, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in special session in the Council Chambers on November 5, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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

The special council meeting was called for the following purpose:

- A. Consider the Appeal of Registration of Vacant Buildings Ordinance for Property Located at 403 13th Street. (John Blair)
- B. Consider the Appeal of Registration of Vacant Buildings Ordinance for Properties Located at 1822 Virginia Street & 203 Tomlinson Avenue. (Dwight & Jonna Cunningham)

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider the Appeal of Registration of Vacant Buildings Ordinance for Property Located at 403 13th Street. (John Blair)

Building Inspector Richmond noted that Mr. Blair registered the property as a vacant building on October 18, 2012. There has been no activity or permits for renovations.

Mr. Blair explained the property was inherited from his mother. However, he has been unable to sell the property due to an EPA restriction. The gas leak from a nearby gas station caused contamination to the surrounding properties. A verbal clearance from EPA but a written report will not be provided to him for at least 2-3 months. Mr. Blair has been paying the municipal fees on the property and is requesting a 6 month extension on the \$200 registration fee.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to give Mr. Blair a 6 month extension on the vacant registration fee for property he owes at 403 13th Street, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Remke and Mayor Saunders voting yea. Wood abstained. 5 yea, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

Consider the Appeal of Registration of Vacant Buildings Ordinance for Properties Located at 1822 Virginia Street & 203 Tomlinson Avenue. (Dwight & Jonna Cunningham)

203 Tomlinson Avenue:

Building Inspector Richmond reported that Mr. Cunningham registered property at 203 Tomlinson Avenue on November 14, 2012. Permits have been obtained on November 29, 2011 for interior renovations and January 2, 2013 to install cabinets. Mr. Cunningham has the property listed with First Choice Realtors.

Mr. Cunningham stated that he has the property for sale. He does not want to rent the property but sell it. He feels since the property is on the market it should not be considered a vacant building. He is asking for 6 month extension to sell the property.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to give Mr. Cunningham a 6 month extension to sell his property, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Councilperson Remke then rescinded his second.

Motion died for lack of a second. Mr. Cunningham was not provided with a 6 month extension.

1822 Virginia Street:

Building Inspector Richmond reported that Mr. Cunningham registered the property at 1822 Virginia Street on November 14, 2012. Permits were obtained April 26, 2010 to renovate the kitchen and bathroom; August 5 & 10, 2010 to replace front porch and install new electric service.

Mr. Cunningham has asked for a 6 month extension to continue renovations on the property.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to give Mr. Cunningham a 6 month extension to continue renovations. Motion died for lack of a second.

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Sondra. J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders Sr., Mayor