

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 5, 2009**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

Invocation by City Manager Hendershot.

City Clerk called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Saunders, Simms, Wallace, Young and Mayor Wood. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Asst. Fire Chief Walker, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Vickers, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Attorney Thomas White.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2009.

Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 21, 2009, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Christine Toth, 2015 Hancock Street, spoke to council concerning an accident that occurred on at Hancock Street and Mulberry Avenue when a vehicle at a high rate of speed traveled down Hancock Street hit a vehicle. Ms. Toth thanked officers for patrolling the area and asked for a stop sign at one of the intersections.

Councilperson Simms asked Manager Hendershot to have this request placed on the Traffic Committee agenda.

* David White, 406 Clinton Avenue, thought the city was on a spending freeze. Manager Hendershot advised even though the city is on a spending freeze, it still needs things to operate. Mr. White asked why the minutes have not been published in the paper. Manager Hendershot reported they are sent to the Echo. Mr. White thanked Councilperson Saunders and the Street Department for having the one way sign installed at 3rd Street & Morton Avenue.

* Mr. Kachalo, Fostoria Avenue, spoke to council again about his property and asked why his property can not be surveyed.

* Robert Wolfe, 111 Sandy Avenue, thanked Manager Hendershot and the Street Department for taking the time to fix a hole in his yard due to collapsing of old pipe. He also thanked street

department for patching holes on Sandy Avenue.

Presentation of Slide Show from Police Chief Kudlak.

Chief Kudlak presented a slide show from the fire at the Simmons Apartments on April 29, 2009. Asst. Fire Chief Walker was present to answer any questions. Chief Kudlak commended the fire departments and police department on their rescues of residents and dispatch all the calls they had to make during the fire.

Councilperson Saunders commended Police Lt. Jeff Murray, Moundsville Asst. Fire Chief Ron Walker, Moundsville Volunteer Fire Chief Dan Holmes and Moundsville Police Dispatcher Shay Morris on their expertise and decisions made during this fire.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms asked if the city could do anything about the creek on Elm Avenue eroding a resident's yard? Street Commissioner Richmond reported the state inspects the bridge yearly. The city had to apply for a permit through DNR before the city is permitted to do anything to the bank or creek.

* Councilperson Young asked when Health Plan was going to speak to council concerning the employee's Health Insurance. Manager Hendershot advised that information will be on the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting. Also, the city will save enough on the health insurance at a minimum of \$80,000 and the eye & dental is \$72,000.

* Councilperson Saunders spoke to council concerning the list of dilapidated structures in the city. Councilperson Saunders asked if the city was going to issue citations to owners of the dilapidated structures. Manager Hendershot noted that issuing citations are part of the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Low-Boy Trailer Bids for the Street Department.

Bids were received from Southeastern Equipment Company from Brilliant OH on May 1, 2009 in the amount of \$16,500. Manager Hendershot reported the Water Board will contribute \$4,000 and the Sanitary Board will contribute \$4,000. The City of Moundsville Sanitation will contribute \$8,500.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to accept the bid of \$16,500 for the low-boy trailer from Southeastern Equipment, seconded by Councilperson Wallace.

Mayor Wood called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 7 yeas.

Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Saunders submitted pamphlets to council from the Family Resource Network (FRN) sponsoring a seminar at Grandview Park on May 14, 2009, speaker will be Dr. Vaughn Grisham.

* Councilperson Saunders announced that he, Manager Hendershot, Moundsville Building Commissioners David Rickman and Robert Wolfe visited the St. Clairsville Recreation Center in hopes to get ideas for the Sanford School Building/Moundsville Community Center.

* Councilperson Haynes asked Manager Hendershot if a free medical clinic was to locate in Moundsville would they need a city business license? Manager Hendershot advised that she could contact the City Clerk if they decide to locate in the city.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Update on the Simmons Apartment Fire.

Manager Hendershot provided council with a report on the Simmons Apartment fire. Manager Hendershot thanked Asst. Fire Chief Ron Walker who had just been appointed Asst. Chief a few weeks ago did an excellent job on the scene. Manager Hendershot and Asst. Chief Walker declared the building a hazard under state code and had the building razed.

Manager Hendershot suggested the Chiefs' put together a list of the people that they would like to see receive some formal letter of appreciation and suggest that council take steps by directing the City Manager to draft letter to all the agencies.

Councilperson Saunders motioned to direct the City Manager to draft formal letters to all agencies involved, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussed Swine Flu Outbreak.

Manager Hendershot reported the Marshall County Health Department held a meeting on Friday, May 1, 2009 to go over the levels of alert, how they work, who gets tested, how the public information will work and how they communicate the risk that is involved to residents. The City of Moundsville already has their own emergency operation plan in place and a plan on how the city will handle an influenza outbreak.

Marshall County Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.

Manager Hendershot reminded council the Chamber Breakfast is May 6th at 7:30 a.m. at the Guest House.

Youth Club Steak Fry.

The Youth Club will be sponsoring a Steak Fry on May 16, 2009 if council members wish to attend.

Discussion of Community Center at Sanford School.

Manager Hendershot reported that he, Councilperson Saunders, Moundsville Building Commissioners David Rickman and Robert Wolfe met with St. Clairsville Recreation Director who makes the Recreation Department self sustained. Manager Hendershot, after speaking with this director, suggested hiring a director through the Moundsville Building Commission giving them a certain amount of time to schedule activities at the Community Center.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wood wished to thank all the people involved with the Mock Riot at the former prison.

* Mayor Wood asked for an update on the Purchasing Card program. Manager Hendershot advised that he submitted the application and begun the process but have not received the computer links.

* Mayor Wood announced Elizabethtown Festival if May 16 & 17 at the former prison and hopes that council and citizens support the community.

* Mayor Wood asked Manager Hendershot after some paving, will the city have enough funding to pave a few more streets? Manager Hendershot advised they would because the bid came in lower than the city budgeted for. A list of streets will be brought back before the Traffic Committee.

* Mayor Wood asked if the bus service was scheduling trips to Moundsville? Manager Hendershot has not had any contact with OVRTA but thinks the trail basis will start very soon.

* Mayor Wood reported the house on Second Street that he had reported before has not improved, there is still garbage all over the yard.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Wallace scheduled a Finance Meeting on May 12, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Councilperson Simms scheduled a Traffic Meeting following the Finance Meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Mayor Wood scheduled a Policy Meeting following the Traffic Meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Haynes** - Reported hole in street on Highland Avenue & McMillan Street. And also at the bottom of Sandy Avenue.

* Asked for a “Slow Children Play” sign on Third Street near the Post Office.

* **Saunders** - Announced that he is trying to organize a 5K run & walk for Labor Day Week End.

* Thanked Street Commissioner Richmond for the sign at the intersections of 7th & Jefferson and 7th & Tomlinson.

* **DeWitt** - Thanked Police Chief Kudlak and Asst. Fire Chief Walker for a great job during the fire on Second Street.

* Citizen asked her to tell Street Commissioner Richmond that the Sanitation works do a very good job.

* Asked the city to place signs: Do Not Feed Ducks at the Riverfront Park. Councilperson Saunders will discuss this matter at the Recreation Meeting.

* Reported holes need filled on Garfield Street between Ruby Street & 12th Street.

* **Simms** - Asked if council wanted hiring a director for the Community Center placed on the Finance Committee agenda. Manager Hendershot advised he will see that it is on the agenda.

* Received complaint about the deteriorating National Guard Armory sign on Garfield. Asked if the city could replace the sign. Manager Hendershot advised that he will make some contacts first.

* Commended the Police Department & Fire Department for being so professional at the fire scene.

* **Wallace** - Wished to commend all the agencies that help during the fire on Second Street.

* **Young** - Wished to thank all agencies and people involved with the fire. Great job and well done.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor