

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
2 **JANUARY 4, 2011**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on
5 January 4, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.
8 Invocation was given by Councilperson K Mark Simms.

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10 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance:
11 DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Vice Mayor Saunders, Simms, Wood, and Mayor Wallace. Also
12 present: City Manager Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Public
13 Works Director Richmond, Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Goddard, Attorney White and
14 Acting Clerk Ankrom. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt (sick).

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16 **MINUTES:**
17 **Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2010**

18 Vice Mayor Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Councilperson
19 DeWitt seconded. Councilperson Remke abstained from voting, since he was not in attendance
20 at that meeting. Motion carried.

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22 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

23 Jeremy Harrison of CASA for Children LLC was unable to attend the meeting.

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25 No one wished to address Council.

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27 **OLD BUSINESS:**

28 **Discussion and Approval of the Recommendation by the Planning Commission for a Zone**
29 **Change at 1006 Thompson Avenue (First Reading)**

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31 Attorney White read the ordinance by title only:

32 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST**
33 **VIRGINIA, PROVIDING TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA ON**
34 **THOMPSON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE FROM A MULTI-FAMILY**
35 **RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO A COMBINED CENTRAL BUSINESS AND HIGHWAY**
36 **COMMERCIAL AND INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL CENTERS ZONE (FIRST**
37 **READING)**

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39 Councilperson Wood motioned to approve the ordinance on first reading, which was seconded
40 by Vice Mayor Saunders. Mayor Wood called for a roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom
41 announced the following tally: 6 yeas; Councilperson Remke abstained from voting. Motion
42 carried.

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

45 *Councilperson DeWitt questioned whether any Stormwater Board employees have been hired.

1 Manager Hendershot explained that current Street and Sewer Crew employees are being used
2 until Stormwater funds are accumulated; hiring may be done in the spring to continue with
3 mapping work. Manager Hendershot also explained the Blake's Addition project the Stormwater
4 Board is working on with the County Commission.

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6 *Councilperson Remke mentioned the problem with Mr. Rickrode's property on Morton Avenue.
7 Public Works Director Richmond elaborated on work that has been done to alleviate issues in
8 that area. Manager Hendershot confirmed they will continue to work toward an adequate
9 solution.

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11 **NEW BUSINESS:**

12 **Discussion of E Waste Disposal**

13 Manager Hendershot explained a Sanitation employee noticed posted regulations, at the Short
14 Creek Landfill, by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, prohibiting
15 monitors larger than 4". Manager Hendershot sent a press release asking residents not to put
16 such monitors out with regular garbage. Council will decide whether residents will have to hold
17 these items until the semi-annual clean up held by the Solid Waste Authority; or, as Director
18 Richmond stated, the landfill will accept monitors at a designated site, however City employees
19 would have to haul them in a separate vehicle and hand carry them to the recycling area.
20 Councilperson Wood made the motion to place the E Waste Disposal discussion on the Policy
21 Committee agenda. Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders and carried unanimously.
22 Councilperson Wood suggested having a listing of positive and negative aspects of either option.

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

25 *Attorney White is drafting the "graffiti policy" which will be on the next Policy Committee
26 agenda.

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28 *Vice Mayor Saunders asked about easements for the property at East End. Manager Hendershot
29 explained one family notified him that they are not interested in taking possession of the property.
30 Attorney White explained the City can decide whether to abandon all or part of the property,
31 regardless of having all parties' consent. A right-of-way will still be available for the sewer line.

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33 *At Councilperson DeWitt's request, Vice Mayor Saunders agreed to approach the Parks and
34 Recreation Board about using workers at Four Seasons Pool and East End play areas through the
35 WV Works program.

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37 *Lien issues and other recovery options will be further discussed at the next Policy Committee
38 meeting.

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40 *Councilperson Remke suggested installation of a "run-off/run-away truck" ramp at 1st Street
41 and Pine Avenue.

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43 *Councilperson Remke would like to see the large truck route diverted away from the Jefferson
44 Avenue central business district. This issue has been discussed previously and is not something
45 that could be changed easily, if at all.

1 *Councilperson Remke expressed his desire to see more foot patrols on Jefferson Avenue, which
2 prompted discussion on nuisance bars and the City's option in declaring such.

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4 *Councilperson Remke noted one of the Route 250 signs at the Jefferson Avenue Extension is
5 blocking the "Progress through Unity" sign. Manager Hendershot informed the State would have
6 to be contacted regarding any sign changes.

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8 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

9 • Manager Hendershot informed Council the \$25,000.00 remaining, from the housing
10 improvement grant administered through BelOMar, can be used for City-sponsored ADA
11 projects. He is looking at possibly putting ramps at the Knights of Pythias building or the
12 Sanford Center so the grant can be closed.

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14 • Manager Hendershot discovered the cost of printing Council minutes in the *Moundsville*
15 *Daily Echo* is approximately \$3,400.00 per year. Since not all residents have access to a
16 computer, many Councilpersons have received positive feedback about seeing them in print,
17 and are not in favor of discontinuing the publication. Councilperson Remke will obtain a cost
18 of also having them posted on Comcast.

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20 • Manager Hendershot received a "Thank You" from AmeriCorps for financial support of the
21 Youth Club of Marshall County. Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the
22 letter. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Wood and carried unanimously.

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24 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

25 • Mayor Wallace noted that discussion and review of the City Manager was performed at the
26 last meeting.

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28 • Mayor Wallace welcomed Councilperson Remke, who is very grateful for the opportunity to
29 serve.

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31 • Mayor Wallace had copies of the subcommittee listings distributed, and noted he is
32 withdrawing as Chairman of the Finance Committee, to be replaced by Councilperson
33 Saunders.

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35 • Mayor Wallace thanked his fellow Council members for their vote of confidence as Mayor!

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37 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

38 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

39 Vice Mayor Saunders called a Finance Meeting for January 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM.

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41 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

42 Councilperson Simms noted that Traffic will meet immediately following Finance.

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44 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

45 Councilperson Wood scheduled a Policy Committee meeting immediately following Traffic.

1 Mayor Wallace explained, for Councilperson Remke's benefit, the process of the subcommittees,
2 as they relate to Council's decision-making; and the importance of attending the meetings so
3 topics can be discussed in detail and take less time during full Council meetings. Members of
4 the Committees are the only ones who can vote to make recommendations to full Council;
5 however, any Council member can bring up topics for conversation at any meeting.

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7 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

8 * **DeWitt** – commented the traffic light at 10th Street and Lafayette Avenue appears to be working
9 better. She thanked Delegate Ferro for his assistance.

10 * Discussed with Manager Hendershot the Knights of Pythias building, on which the engineers
11 are now clear as to what the City needs as far as a structural soundness report.

12 * Is still concerned about street lighting on 4th Street, particularly at the corner of Grant Avenue.

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14 * **Saunders** – Broached discussion on Fostoria property, to which Manager Hendershot
15 responded RAZE has been working on other projects; and they are deliberating an offer made on
16 the property. The weather has also hampered work on the site; but they have been promised fill
17 from Department of Highway projects in the spring. Manager Hendershot noted that, had it not
18 been for GAB Enterprises, work would not be as far along as it is, even though it has taken longer
19 than expected.

20 * Will meet with Chief Kudlak about a house on Sycamore Avenue that has several junk cars
21 littered about the property.

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23 * **Wood** – Asked about using the truck scales. Chief Kudlak confirmed everyone is trained and
24 certified; however, there is a lull in truck traffic at this time.

25 * Prompted discussion on filling the Police Department Sergeant position left vacant by the
26 retirement of Shelva Smith. Also, an open dispatcher position will be filled, as Chief Kudlak and
27 Manager Hendershot have been discussing those vacancies.

28 * Was very pleased with the organization, attendance, and food at the City Christmas luncheon.
29 Director Richmond counted 96 people in attended.

30 * Welcomed and congratulated Councilperson Remke.

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32 * **Remke** – Asked for Executive Session; however, Attorney White and Manager Hendershot
33 clarified that his issue of concern did not meet limitations for an Executive Session. He was
34 invited to discuss his concerns with Manager Hendershot.

35 * Is eager to begin discussions with City Department Heads about their concerns and ideas for
36 the future of their departments.

37 * Debated with Manger Hendershot the appropriateness of the music that plays while on hold
38 with the Police Department. Manager Hendershot confirmed the dispatcher on duty uses their
39 own discretion about putting callers on hold in non-emergency situations.

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41 * **Haynes** – Is concerned about the barricades on 1st Street, which the Street Department try to
42 keep in position as often as they can.

43 * Noted the street at 2105 Hancock appears to be caving in where the Sanitary Board recently
44 did work. Manager Hendershot will follow up with the Sanitary Superintendent.

1 ***Simms** – Made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Meeting
2 adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

Eugene L Saunders, Mayor