

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
MARCH 20, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on March 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Absent: Remke (arrived late due to previous engagement). Also present: City Manager Deanna J Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2012.**

Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 6, 2012, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Presentation to Sgt. Don DeWitt on his Graduation from FBI National Academy.**

Presentation was postponed.

**Presentation of the Sanford Financial Report by Allen Hendershot.**

Mr. Allen Hendershot presented council members with a financial summary report for the Moundsville Sanford Center.

**Public Hearing Concerning the 2012-2013 Proposed City of Moundsville General Fund Budget.**

Mayor Wallace closed the public hearing due to lack of respondents.

\* Tim Harrison, 1012 Thompson Avenue, spoke to council in opposition of the proposed zone change for 1007 Thompson Avenue.

Attorney White stressed to council they are only to vote on proposed zone change from Industrial (I) to Combined Central Business and Highway Commercial and Integrated

Commercial Centers Zone not as to how many businesses Mr. Bledsoe has on the property.

\* Rich Wilson, 515 Jefferson Avenue, counsel for David Bledsoe, 1007 Thompson Avenue, hoped that council will consider passing the proposed zone change.

\* Mike O'Donnell Sr., 1200 Thompson Avenue, informed council that everything on the west side of Thompson Avenue is zone Industrial.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Building Permit Fees for Construction. (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, AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO PROVIDE AMENDMENTS TO THE BUILDING, ELECTRICAL, AND PLUMBING PERMIT FEES IN THE CITY CODE. (SECOND READING)**

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to approve the above ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Mayor Wallace, Haynes, Remke, Saunders, Simms and Wood voting yea. DeWitt voting nay. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

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

\* Councilperson Saunders asked why the streets in Moundsville have not been repaired by the Sanitary Board after making line repairs? Manager Hess explained the Sanitary Board will be repairing the streets when they are able to purchase asphalt from Klug Brothers.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked for an update on the project concerning storm water on Highland Heights. Street Commissioner Richmond advised that project has been turned over to the Stormwater Board.

\* Councilperson DeWitt questioned the minutes of the Stormwater Board asking about their accrued sick leave. CPA Kathryn Goddard reported the Stormwater Board is starting to save funds now for future retirees.

\* Councilperson Remke reported speaking to the Mt. Rose Cemetary Association who said they would trim the tree but think the tree could actually be on GAB property. He spoke to Tom

Brown who advised that he would trim the tree.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked if fellow council members are still interested in establishing a RV Park at the Riverfront Park. Councilperson Simms noted that timber money was set aside for a campground. The money was to be used for pads and running water and sewer lines. Mayor Wallace advised this matter can be discussed further at the finance meeting.

\* Councilperson Remke said, concerning the discussion of opening Juniper Avenue to 12<sup>th</sup> Street that Moundsville could have an expense of having to purchase property to make Juniper Avenue a two lane street.

\* Councilperson Wood announced that March 15, 2012 was the deadline to receive the surveys for the Comprehensive Plan.

\* Councilperson Remke asked council to pursue E-Government since the 2012-2013 General Fund Budget has been adopted. Council agreed to have City Manager Hess research what the cost will be.

\* Councilperson Simms asked for an update on demolition at 17 Hickory Avenue. Fire Chief Clarke reported that he and Building Inspector Schneider were asking for quotes on demolition.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked Chief Clarke for an update on debris at the Riverfront docks. Chief Clarke said that Recreation Director Mark Baker is trying to schedule a meeting with DNR to address the problem.

\* Councilperson Remke asked what was happening with the campers parked at the Alpine Lounge on Jefferson Extension. Manager Hess advised the owner was notified of having until Friday to remove the campers.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Discussion and Adoption of the 2012-2013 City of Moundsville General Fund Budget.**

Councilperson Wood made a motion to adopt the 2012-2013 City of Moundsville General Fund Budget, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Awarding Bids for City fo Moundsville Used Vehicles.**

City Manager Hess reported receiving one bid from A-1 Auto Parts, Wheeling WV for vehicles advertised in the total amount of \$3,093.00.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to award the bid to A-1 Auto Parts in the amount of \$3,093.00, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Approval of Terminating the Lease with Division of Corrections for the Old State Police Barracks.**

City Manager Hess reported that the Divisions of Corrections are in agreement with terminating the lease. Attorney White will contact DOC Attorney to finalize termination.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to authorize the City Attorney to terminate the lease agreement with Division of Corrections for the Old State Police Barracks, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**

\* Councilperson Saunders has reported several times the teenagers congregating in the Four Seasons Pool parking lot. They are leaving beer bottles and trash all over the lot. City Manager Hess referred this matter to Police Chief Mitchell.

\* Councilperson Saunders reported the pool pump is being installed and the wall is being replaced in the pool lobby.

\* Councilperson DeWitt reported the parking lot near the boat docks needs repaired. City Manager Hess advised that she notified DOH who has temporarily repaired the parking lot until the bridge project is completed.

\* Mayor Wallace informed council members that the Moundsville Water Department is in the process of exploring options to protect the City of Moundsville water wells.

**MANAGER ITEMS:**

**Ground Breaking for the New Main Street Bank.**

City Manager Hess wished to thank Councilperson Wood, Haynes, Saunders and DeWitt for attending the ground breaking of the new Main Street Bank to be located on Rt. 2 near Auto Zone.

**Fostoria Redevelopment Working Group.**

City Manager Hess announced that Patrick Kirby has scheduled a meeting of the Moundsville Fostoria Redevelopment Working Group on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Moundsville Council Chambers. Invited to the meeting are City of Moundsville Council and

City Manager; MEDC; Marshall County Chamber of Commerce; Moundsville Building Commission; and site owner Tom Brown, GAB.

**Final Demolition of the Fostoria Glass Buildings.**

Manager Hess reported the final buildings have been demolished at the Fostoria Glass site Tuesday afternoon, March 20, 2012. Charles Walton Jr., of the Echo was on site to take pictures and write a story on the demolition.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

- 1. Discussion of Signage Ordinance. Committee recommends directing the City Attorney to draft revisions to the existing ordinance for April’s Policy Meeting.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft revisions to the existing sign ordinance for April’s Policy meeting, seconded by Mayor Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- 1. Discussion of Connecting Juniper Avenue to Twelfth Street. Committee recommends refer this to the City Engineer to survey and submit figures.

Councilperson Saunders made motion to direct the City Engineer to survey and submit figures, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. DeWitt, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace voting yea. Haynes, Remke voting nay. 5 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

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

- 1. Discussion of Business License and B&O Tax Increases. Committee recommends directing City Attorney to draft ordinance with increases for contractor from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per \$100 and rentals from \$.75 to \$1.00 per \$100. No increases for City Business Licenses.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance with increases for contractors and rentals B&O Taxes, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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

- \* **Remke** - Apologized to fellow council members for being late he had a previous engagement.
- \* Congratulation to Sgt. DeWitt on his graduation from FBI Academy.
- \* Wished to thank City Manager Hess and the Street Department for obtaining and installing the bench at Third Street & Jefferson Avenue.
- \* **Saunders** - Announced that he, Councilperson DeWitt, Wood and Chief Mitchell attended Sgt. DeWitt's graduation from the FBI Academy.
- \* **Wood** - Congratulations to Sgt. DeWitt on his graduation from FBI Academy.
- \* Will bring more information concerning the Comprehensive Plan. He is in the process of placing the students in homes during the April meeting.
- \* **Haynes** - Requested extra patrol at Linden Avenue and Park Street, vehicles running stop signs.
- \* **Simms** - Congratulations to Sgt. DeWitt on his graduation and stated that Chief Tom Mitchell previously attended the FBI Academy.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Dennis Wallace, Mayor