

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JUNE 5, 2007**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on June 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by City Manager Allen Hendershot.

City Clerk called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: Cunningham, DiRemigio, Haynes, Vice Mayor Lemasters and Mayor Wallace. Absent: Simms & Wood. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Fire Chief Clarke, Building Inspector Wise, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Thomas Dobbs and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Street Commissioner Richmond.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2007.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 15, 2007, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Virginia Magers, 1312 Third Street, informed council and City Manager Hendershot that she was still not satisfied with the property at 215 Ash Avenue.

* Debra Magers, 1312 Third Street, also expressed being unhappy with the situation at 215 Ash Avenue.

* Rich Wilson representing the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department gave council a presentation for the new VFD proposed contract.

* George Kachalo, 31 Fostoria Avenue, complained about the neighbor parking his vehicle against his back porch. Also complained on the neighbors property line.

* David White, 406 Clinton Avenue, reported hedges on Clinton Avenue need cut and also at the Fostoria Glass Property.

* Brad Varlas, 1107 Twelfth Street, thank the city for the sidewalk on Jefferson Avenue but asked when the sidewalk on Twelfth Street was going to be started. City Manager hopes the work will be started as soon as the grants are approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Concerning Hotel/Motel Tax. (First Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, BY PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX WITHIN THE CITY. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to accept and approve the hotel occupancy tax ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Haynes.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 4 yeas, 1 nay. DiRemigio voting nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Requisition #19 for the Moundsville Water Treatment Plant Project.

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to approve Requisition #19 for the Moundsville Water Treatment Plant Project, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Lemasters asked that Attorney White research MEDC's suggestion of a Visitors Bureau in Moundsville.

* Councilperson Haynes asked about a previous letter from the Planning Commission concerning the camping property of Brad Varlas on 12th Street. City Manager Hendershot advised that they are waiting for Mr. Vickers to return to work because of a conflict of view on the subject.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Update on 215 Ash Avenue.

An inspection was conducted at 215 Ash Avenue by John L. Suhrie of Suhrie Engineering LLC, Canonsburg PA, on June 24, 2007 which determined the structural condition of the house was structurally sound and the defects found are repairable.

Mobile Office of Senator Byrd.

Manager Hendershot was contracted by a representative from Senator Byrd's Office announcing

that the Senator's Mobile Office will be at the Senior Citizen Center on Wednesday, June 13, 2007 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m. Council members are invited to attend.

Marshall County Board of Education E-Mail.

An email was received from Mr. Renzella, Superintendent of the Marshall County Board of Education extending his gratitude to City Council for assisting them with the safety issues at McNinch Elementary School.

Recommendation Letter from Moundsville Planning Commission.

The Moundsville Planning Commission has submitted a letter of recommendation to council to eliminate certain sections of code from R-U and R-G. This zone or special exceptions concerns Section 1357.03(a) Nursing Homes, Rest Homes and Funeral Homes.

Mayor Wallace made a motion to instruct the City Attorney draft an ordinance concerning the changes, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Request to Close Alley Adjacent to Marshall County School Property.

The Marshall County Board of Education is requesting the city to close the alley behind the old gas station and Mark Crow's Insurance building, which are adjacent to Central School. They also request the alley between the present school and the annex building on the Eighth Street side be closed. Additionally, they are requesting permission to open an access to Jefferson Avenue from the current parking lot.

Manager Hendershot suggested placing this subject on the Traffic Committee and invite the Board of Education.

"Thank You" to Mr. Thomas Dobbs.

Manager Hendershot announced that the existing contract with Mr. Thomas Dobbs will expire and thanked Mr. Dobbs for his expertise during time he was CPA/Finance Director of the City of Moundsville. Manager Hendershot also introduced Ms. Kay Goddard, CPA with Marc Abraham & Company, who will be handling the city's finances on a monthly basis.

Crime Victim Right's Awareness - Certificate of Recognition.

The Moundsville Police Department was presented with a certificate of appreciation from the Ohio County Victim Services for their outstanding support and dedication to crime victims. Chief Kudlak added this is for some of the work the city does with Harmony House.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wallace wished to welcome Councilperson Ralph DiRemigio back to council.

* Mayor Wallace applauded a local business, Hocutt's Carolina BBQ & Seafood who were recognized in the State Journal for their southern recipe's of BBQ and Seafood. Hocutt's have relocated on Rt. 2 at the Old DiCarlo's Pizza.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Councilperson Lemasters scheduled a Finance Meeting on June 12, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Councilperson Lemasters also made a motion to send the VFD contract to the Finance Committee, seconded by Mayor Wallace. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Mayor Wallace scheduled a Traffic Meeting following the Finance Meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Mayor Wallace scheduled a Policy Meeting following the Traffic Meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Cunningham** - Nothing at this time.

* **Haynes** - Reported the parking meters have not been replaced on Jefferson Avenue in front of the Eagles.

* Reported tires in a yard on Jones Street and behind Anderson Funeral Home.

* Requested site mirrors on Cherokee Drive.

* Reported four lights out at Park View Playground.

* **Lemasters** - Announced that he was very disappointed that Mr. Harold Games did not attend the meeting at the City Building with Mr. Patrick Kirby of the Brownsfield Artisan Center.

* **DiRemigio** - Wished to thank everyone who kept him in their prayers during his time of sickness.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor