

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JULY 16, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on July 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

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

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of July 2, 2013.

Councilperson P Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of July 2, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation by Mayor Saunders.

Mayor Saunders presented Tyler Poliquin with a cake to express the city's gratitude for his assistance with the Comprehensive Plan and some grant writing. Tyler was a student at WVU, working with FRN (Family Resource Network) and will be leaving Moundsville returning to New Hampshire.

PUBLIC HEARING:

* Thomas Doyle, 103 Cherokee Drive, asked if the city was still considering urban deer hunting in Cherokee Hills. He noted he is in favor of urban deer hunting. Mr. Doyle inquired as to who owns the bank at the entrance to Buffalo Wild Wings, the bank has eroded leaving all the gravel in the street. Mr. Doyle stated the condition of the East End ballfields are terrible asking who was responsible for their maintenance.

* Fred Brunner, 112 Leatherwood Drive, reiterated discussion by Mr. Doyle and stated he was in favor of the urban deer hunting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood requested the status of the city's website. Manager Hess advised the website will go live at the end of July.

* Councilperson Wood asked if Manager Hess received letters of request for the Historic Landmarks Commission or the Moundsville Planning Commission? Manager Hess advised she received 3 letters for the Historic Landmarks and 3 for Planning Commission.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the paving was finished? Manager Hess noted Klugs need to finish a few things before paving is considered complete.

* Councilperson Remke noted that council did not authorize the Ohio Valley Cost of Freedom to enter onto city property for a cleanup project. After discussion, Councilperson Wood moved to authorize the Ohio Valley Cost of Freedom Group to enter onto city property for a cleanup project pending authorization from WV Department of Highways, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Street Commissioner Richmond informed Mr. Remke that he will need to contact the Gas Company to make sure there are no gas lines in that area. Driving heavy equipment over a gas line could cause damage and is a hefty fine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Budget Revision #1 for the 2013-2014 General Fund.

Councilperson Simms moved to approve the budget revision #1 for the 2013-2014 General Fund, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood announced Sanitary Superintendent Larry Bonar received the William D. Hatfield Award for the Sanitary Plant. He asked that council acknowledge the award.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Discussion and Re-Appointment to the Moundsville Housing Authority. (Manager's Appointment)

City Manager Hess announced that she re-appointed Mr. Bill Hinegardner to the Moundsville Housing Authority.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders announced the Recreation Department has been cleaning the Valley Fork

Baseball Fields.

* Mayor Saunders thanked Street Commissioner Richmond for cutting the trees that he had requested.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Request for Donation from Bishop Donahue for Three Angels Tennyball Tournament. Committee recommends \$50 donation.

Councilperson Wood moved to donate \$50 to the Bishop Donahue Tennyball Tournament, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Request for Donation from Marshall County Youth Club. Committee recommends \$50.00 donation.

Councilperson Wood moved to donate \$50 to the Marshall County Youth Club, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Saunders reminded council members the Sanford Center has not signed the lease with the City of Moundsville. Mr Hendershot did not appear before council to discuss the changes in the lease.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Discussion of Creating a Tree Board. Committee recommends move forward.

After discussion, council referred this matter back to the Policy Committee stating the Tree Board will be an advisory/informational board only.

Discussion of On Trac Program. Committee recommends proceed with program.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to proceed with the On Trac Program, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

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

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Committee had no recommendations to bring before council.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **D. Haynes** - Stated he spoke with City Engineer Jack Tush who suggested that City Attorney White check with the City of Wheeling concerning how they determine whether or not the city abandoned streets or paper alleys. Attorney White said that he will determine if the property in question is abandoned or not.

* **P. Haynes** - Asked when the junk was going to be removed from 223 Elm Avenue. Manager Hess noted the owners obtained a building permit.

* **DeWitt** - Wished to thank Tyler Poliquin for helping the city.

* **Remke** - Wished to thank Tyler Poliquin for the time he has spent in Moundsville.

* Reported vines growing through the blacktop of walking trail near Glen Dale.

* Reported the Sanford Center property needs grooming, i.e grass cutting, hedge trimming, etc.

* **Wood** - Hopes to pursue repairing the small bridges in the City of Moundsville.

* Commended Councilperson Haynes on the room next door where he has painted, installed new carpet and installed cabinets for the new Water Department Office.

* Wished to thank Tyler Poliquin for his assistance during the last few months and with the Comprehensive Plan.

* **Simms** - Asked if the Parks & Recreation were going to replace the bags in the doggie waste stations throughout the walking trail. Mayor Saunders reported people put everything other than waste in those bags.

* Asked for an update on the Thorn Avenue house that was boarded up by the city. Manager Hess reported that Mr. Francis is in the process of buying the house.

* Announced the next regular council meeting is Monday, August 5, 2013.

* Wished to also thank Tyler for his assistance.

* Business After Hours at the Sleep Inn Motel, Thursday, July 18, 2013 from 5-7 p.m.

Councilperson Simms moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor