

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**  
2 **JUNE 2, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers  
5 on June 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.  
8 Invocation was given by Councilman K Mark Simms.

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10 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called roll and the following Councilpersons were in  
11 attendance: DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot, Vice Mayor Saunders,  
12 Simms, and Mayor Wood. Also present were City Manager Hess, Assistant Fire Chief  
13 Walker, Police Chief Mitchell, Interim Public Works Director Stocklask, CPA Goddard,  
14 and Attorney White. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt, due to illness.

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16 **MINUTES:**

17 **Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2015**

18 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the May 19, 2015 minutes. Motion  
19 was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders and carried unanimously. Mayor Wood pointed  
20 out two misspellings, which will be corrected.

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22 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

23 **A. Bob Haight, National VFW District 1 Commander to Present Zara Zervos'**  
24 **National Award**

25 Mayor Wood pointed out Miss Zervos had a prior commitment and will be in attendance  
26 at the June 16 Council meeting.

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28 \* Mark Johnson of 109 Morton Avenue had several issues he wanted City Council to be  
29 aware of, including a neighbor's gas meter that was causing somewhat of an obstruction;  
30 unpleasant, belligerent neighbors; speeders on Morton Avenue; graffiti and vandalism at  
31 Riverfront Park, as well as the need for surveillance in the area; and the poor condition of  
32 the road behind Auto Zone. Mr. Johnson commended whoever repaired other roads for  
33 the "good work!"

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35 \* Carol Bassett of 15 Waynesburg Pike summarized an incident she and her husband had  
36 with neighbors and, in her opinion, the poor attitude of the Police Officers who responded.  
37 At Mayor Wood's request, Mrs. Bassett left her notes of the incident with the City Manager  
38 and explained they have had consistent problems with the neighbors and the condition of  
39 their property, which is a rental house. Mrs. Bassett referred to Health and Sanitation  
40 Code 1105 and asked the Building Enforcement Agency to look at the structure for  
41 possible violations.

1 \* H Carl Boso Jr of 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street reported he has received a work order to repair the  
2 north plaza roadway. Mr. Boso asked for additional signage around the walking trail. Mr.  
3 Boso noted his boat docks are being used by the general public since the City docks have  
4 been removed.

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6 \* Mayor Wood introduced Rick Healy of BelOMar, who summarized progress to-date for  
7 the BAD Buildings Program. Moundsville was one of only nine cities, throughout the  
8 entire state, chosen for the technical assistance grant. Mr. Healy expressed pleasure for  
9 the “very good” attendance at the first two meetings, and the decision to change the name  
10 to the “Better Buildings Program,” which portrays a more positive image. The next  
11 meeting will be held July 15 to discuss the results of the surveys, which will begin  
12 immediately; and to inventory buildings that meet the criteria, identify solutions, and  
13 formulate plans. Mr. Healy emphasized all of City Council's input is very important  
14 during this process in order to help prevent structures from reaching a dilapidated state.  
15 Mr. Healy explained some of the programs available, including prevention and  
16 beautification programs, low-interest loans, housing rehabilitation, and land banks. Some  
17 commented the media coverage has been very unfavorable so far, and Mayor Wood  
18 pointed out that is all the more reason for Council and citizens to work together to take  
19 action! Councilwoman DeWitt thanked Mr. Healy for his assistance!

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21 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

23 \* Councilwoman DeWitt asked about the boat dock email. Manager Hess confirmed she  
24 is receiving assistance from Senator Kessler in dealing with the Department of Natural  
25 Resources and Attorney General. A temporary walkway will be installed in two to three  
26 weeks, and the docks could be ready before summer. The total cost of the work being  
27 done is \$25,000.00.

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29 \* Councilwoman DeWitt asked how things are going with the flood plain issues? Attorney  
30 White explained it is taking some time to gather information for the legal wording.  
31 Attorney White is drafting a “Findings of Fact” from himself and the Sanitary Board  
32 attorney, which will be more effective than a letter from the City Manager.

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34 \* Councilman Hendershot commented any funding received from the Valley Fork oil  
35 and/or gas leases should be set aside as a “nest egg” for 4 Seasons Pool.

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37 \* Councilman Hendershot commended Water Board Office Supervisor Amber Wisvari for  
38 her diligent work on getting credit/debit and online payments set up for the Water  
39 Department. He feels the City's website should be more user-friendly and have online  
40 payment capabilities, and would like to discuss this issue at future Policy Committee  
41 meetings. Councilman David Haynes noted the Water Board is still reviewing the contract  
42 with PSN, as they were not happy with some of the language.

1 \* Vice Mayor Saunders informed the Skate Park is finished; and he thanked the Street  
2 Department for the “fantastic job!” Valley Fence has installed the gate.

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4 \* Vice Mayor Saunders asked when work would start in his neighborhood? Manager Hess  
5 confirmed that Sanitary Superintendent Bonar is trying to get that work into the schedule;  
6 and the Street Department is cleaning up what they can at this time.

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8 \* Vice Mayor Saunders vented about motorists not stopping, or even slowing down, at  
9 Stop signs. This is a very dangerous situation!

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11 \* Councilman David Haynes wants to continue discussions on the transfer station; and he  
12 again invited Council members to visit Philippi with him to see the success they are having  
13 with their station.

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15 **NEW BUSINESS:**

16 **Other items to be Discussed by Council**

17 \* Councilwoman DeWitt commented on the recent article about Moundsville listing #7,  
18 out of 380, in Top 10 Places to live.

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20 \* Councilman Hendershot is concerned about the recent coal mine layoffs and how the  
21 loss of income will affect revenue in the City's already tight budget. He would like to  
22 have further discussion at the Finance Committee, as the Administration should be  
23 thinking and planning ahead. Councilman Hendershot also expressed empathy for the  
24 families affected.

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26 \* Councilman Hendershot commented the existing docks are in great shape!

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28 \* Vice Mayor Saunders reminded those present the City of Moundsville does not own the  
29 docks, and the DNR is apparently in no hurry to correct the situation. Representatives  
30 have been making promises for two years, and the City Manager has done everything  
31 within her power to keep the process moving.

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33 \* Vice Mayor Saunders desires to have high grass at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Curtis Avenue  
34 addressed, which the City Manager is aware of.

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36 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

37 • Manager Hess thanked Council for the lovely wind chimes sent in memory of her  
38 mother-in-law.

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40 • Manager Hess thanked Rick Healy for his assistance with the BAD Program and  
41 emphasized the community and Council need to stay together and be involved during  
42 the process.

- 1 • Manager Hess informed the issues at 4 Seasons Pool are being diligently addressed,  
2 and she commented that more than 40 people attended the recent meeting. A non-  
3 profit group is being formed to help with fund raising, and there will be another  
4 meeting at the 4 Seasons facility this coming Thursday.

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6 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 7 • Mayor Wood wants to revisit Council's goals at the Committee meeting.

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- 9 • Mayor Wood informed Council the Home Rule Board is requiring Moundsville to  
10 submit another application, as well as conduct the public hearing and ordinance  
11 process. Ten more cities will be accepted into the program. He will verify the timeline  
12 for steps that have to be taken.

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- 14 • Mayor Wood reminded Council the WV Municipal League Conference will be held at  
15 Oglebay Resort in August. He would like to apply for the awards listed in the recent  
16 issue of League Lights.

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18 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

19 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee*

20 The Finance Committee will meet June 9, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

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22 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee*

23 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Finance Committee.

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25 *Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee*

26 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Traffic Committee.

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28 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

29 \* **Hendershot** – Handed out flyers for the Kids Safety Day & Wellness Fair to be held at  
30 the Sanford Center June 6, 2015 from 9:00 am until 1:00 PM. John Artimez is a sponsor  
31 of this event.

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33 \* **Saunders** – Had nothing at this time.

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35 \* **Simms** – Made a motion to receive and file legal ads as presented by the City Attorney:

- 36       Zone Change for Purdy Avenue  
37       Sealed Bid request for 1978 American LeFrance  
38       Planning Commission Hearing April 23, 2015  
39       Civil Action

40 Motion was seconded by Councilman Paul Haynes and carried unanimously.

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42 \* **David Haynes** – Nothing at this time.

1 \* Paul Haynes – Noted the Park View light is still not fixed.

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3 \* DeWitt – Asked about employee health insurance for the new fiscal year, which will  
4 remain the same, per Manager Hess; and the Health Reimbursement Account will remain  
5 the same as well.

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7 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman  
8 Simms. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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David Wood, Mayor