

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on September 3, 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, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Richmond, Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of August 20, 2013.

Councilperson P Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 20, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation to David Wise - Retired Sanitation Employee.

Mayor Saunders and Street Commissioner Richmond presented recently retired Sanitation employee with an award for 13 years of service.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Lester Tasker, 1407 Tenth Street spoke to council concerning a citation he received while he was at Kroger.

* Becky Kaemmerling, 120 Blaney Avenue, expressed concerns of rumors that houses are going to be built behind Cherokee Hills and the property annexed into the city. She stated that she and neighbors are upset of the fact that the city would consider such a project without informing surrounding neighbors.

Mayor Saunders noted the city is not promoting this project it is being sought by Councilperson Remke. He also noted if the city considers annexing the property, neighbors will be notified and the city will have to seek approval from the Marshall County Commission.

* Don Childers, 1419 Ninth Street, requested a hole be filled in alley between Eighth Street & Ninth Street near Garfield Street.

Street Commissioner Richmond advised he would see that the hole is fixed.

* Lou Melchori, 208 Blaney Avenue, opposed any kind of development behind his residence stating there is only one way in and one way out. Also commented on the low water pressure.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Article 1107 Registration of Vacant Buildings. (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 COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING AND REENACTING ARTICLE 1107 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS AND UNINHABITABLE BUILDINGS, FEES, COLLECTION METHODS, LIENS, AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood moved to approve the revised vacant building registration ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. P. Haynes, D. Haynes, DeWitt, Mayor Saunders, Wood, Simms and Remke voting yea. 7yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked for the Sanitation schedule for holiday's be placed on website.

* Councilperson Wood asked for a date and time for the Design Team to speak with council concerning the Waterfront sketches. Manager Hess noted the sketches will be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting.

* Councilperson Wood commended the Street Department for cutting and cleaning the brush on the bank on 7th Street between Myrtle Avenue and Magnolia Avenue. Street Commissioner Richmond noted the property owners will be billed for the work.

* Councilperson Simms asked if Mr. Kesselring has repaired any of the property he owns on Cedar Avenue, Center Street & Cypress Avenue? Building Inspector Richmond noted that Mr. Kesselring has done very little and is due to be in court on September 19, 2013.

* Councilperson Remke reported adults riding bicycles on Jefferson Avenue sidewalks. Asked

for more patrol and officers to cite adults riding on sidewalks.

* Councilperson D. Haynes asked when Asphlund was going to return to cut trees on Highland Avenue by the Water Departments pump house? Manager Hess advised she will call Asphlund.

* Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to place on the Policy meeting agenda discussion of holding property owner responsible for sidewalk repairs when they sell their homes, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Seat Belt Enforcement. (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 AND REENACTING SECTION 345.35(F) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, RELATING TO THE ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THE CITY'S VEHICLE SAFETY BELT LAW, BY REMOVING THE PROVISION PROVIDING FOR THE SAME TO BE A SECONDARY OFFENSE. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Remke moved to approve the above Safety Belt ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed Council.

* Councilperson Simms made a motion to discuss fixing the drainage on Center Street to Thorn Avenue before paving and who's responsible for the repairs, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke requested discussion at policy meeting that council send a letter to Congress, Legislatures and Delegates that we are upset because they are receiving better health benefits than the citizens who put them in office. Everyone should have the same amount of coverage, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke said while speaking with a delivery person during the OVCOF event

Saturday, he has information on obtaining exercise equipment for the police and fire department through grants.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Hess advised she appointed Hilda Blake, Jane Klug, Deanna McDowell and Lexie Hanket to the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission each having a 2 year term.

* Manager Hess announced she will be attending “Energizing the Youth” an after school wellness program at McNinch School, Friday, September 6, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders reported several wheelchairs riding all over town without a flag or any reflectors. Councilperson Remke said he would provide those to people free of charge if they wish to stop by his store and pick one up.

* Mayor Saunders thanked Councilperson Remke for the work he did for the Ohio Valley Cost of Freedom Event on Saturday.

* Mayor Saunders also read a letter from Mr. George Burdette who was over come by dehydration during the Cost of Freedom event thanking Moundsville Fire Chief Clarke, Asst. Fire Chief Walker and Police Chief Mitchell for the assistance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

The Policy Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Meeting will follow the Policy Meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Meeting will follow the Finance Meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DeWitt** - Reported high grass at POW Drive.

* **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

* **D. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

* **Remke** - Thanked the City, the Street Department, Police & Fire Departments and Mayor Saunders for their assistance during the Cost of Freedom event.

* Requested flags be replaced at entrance to Moundsville.

* **Wood** - Commended David Wise for his 13 years of service to the City of Moundsville.

* **Simms** - Also commended David Wise for his years of service.

* Thanked Mayor Saunders for presenting the city well and being a visible mayor.

* Wished to thank the front office employees for attending his mothers funeral and sending momentous.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor