

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
APRIL 21, 2015**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on April 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

Invocation by Mayor David Wood.

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

MINUTES:

Special Council Meeting of March 17, 2015.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of March 17, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting of April 7, 2015.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 7, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, said he didn't think the city should put a transfer station in city limits because of the smell and mess it would create.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other items to be discussed by council.

* Councilperson DeWitt said she saw that the docks were secure and asked when the walkway will be installed?

* Councilperson DeWitt said people are dumping in the dumpster at the Riverfront Park.

* Councilperson Saunders said he spoke with Recreation Director Mark Baker concerning the

plan for umpires parking during the baseball games. He also said the Parks & Recreation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m., in the council chambers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution in Support of the Expansion of Route 2 from Two Lane to Four Lane. (Rt.2 I-68 Authority)

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to approve the resolution in support of the expansion of Rt.2 from two lanes to four lanes, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval to Lay the Levy for the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to Lay the Levy for the 2015-2016 General Fund Budget, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Saunders asked when was the issue discussed to send a letter to the Sanitary Board concerning Highland Avenue? Councilperson Saunders was told that Councilperson Hendershot brought it up at a previous meeting.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Appointment to the Moundsville Police Civil Service Commission.

City Manager Hess announced that she has appointed former Police Officer David Robinson to the Moundsville Police Civil Service Commission for a 4 year term. He will be replacing Dale Coffield.

Other Items by the City Manager.

* Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 5:00- 6:30 pm and sponsored by Proactive Occupational Medicine and Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

* Reminded council members of the BAD Building meeting on Monday, April 27, 2015 in the council chambers from 6-8 pm.

Legal Ads by Attorney Thomas White.

Attorney White presented four legal advertisements published in the Moundsville Daily Echo to be received and filed by council:

1. Bids for a New Wheel Loader
2. Abandonment Ordinance (Purdy Avenue & Lockwood Avenue)
3. ATV Ordinance
4. 2015-2016 Levy Estimate

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to receive and file the legal ads, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wood noted that Attorney White will be writing a letter on behalf of the City of Moundsville to the WV Home Rule Board asking for admittance to the Home Rule program.

* Mayor Wood announced council will be discussing Land Banking, which will provide local communities to address vacant and dilapidated buildings.

* Mayor Wood commented on the Drug Abuse Forum. Approximately 65 people were present. And the legislative update was attended by 26 people.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Goals for 2015. Recommendation: Forward the following to council for approval.
 - a. Explore funding for an employee increase.
 - b. Partner with the Planning Commission and the WVU School of Law Land Use Division to address zoning ordinances.
 - c. Develop a program to recognize employee and citizen achievements.
 - d. Increase communication and collaboration with the educational community, non-profit organizations and city & county governments of Marshall County.
 - e. Enforce existing abandon and dilapidated building codes, ordinances and support the B.A.D. Community Team to address the needs of the Moundsville Community.
 - f. Support community efforts to address the issues facing the Parks & Recreation.

LONG RANGE GOALS (ONE TO TWO YEARS)

- a. Explore methods to upgrade our website into user-friendly technology.
- b. Explore through community involvement, the development of our Riverfront.
- c. Explore the feasibility of a solid waste “transfer station” with a recycling component.
- d. Explore plans for former Kittle Property.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to move forward on the goals for 2015, seconded by Councilperson Saunders for discussion. Councilperson Saunders made comment to the website as being a very good website at which the City Manager continues to update. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Saunders** - spoke to City Manager Hess concerning the property behind the Salvation Army.

* Noticed several contracting companies doing work hope they all have business license.

* **D. Haynes** - Reported a resident on Meighen Avenue has the sidewalk blocked for several months while they are replacing driveway.

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

* **DeWitt** - Reported a large hole needs filled at the intersection of Potomac & Kentucky Streets.

* Wished to recognize the office employees on Administrative Secretary Day.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor