

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JULY 1, 2003**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on July 1, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson Shelly Trussell.

City Clerk called the roll and the following council persons were in attendance: DiRemigio, Lemasters, Oiler, Trussell, Ward and Wallace. Absent: Simms. Also present: Acting City Manager Hess, Police Chief Kudlak, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Wise, CPA Tom Dobbs and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: City Manager Hendershot (vac) and City Attorney Tom Dobbs.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of June 17, 2003.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of June 17, 2003, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Jerry Drake, 500 Jefferson Avenue, owner of Varsity Pizzeria, again spoke to council about the restrooms, basketball courts and the condition of the ball fields. Councilperson Lemasters invited Mr. Drake to attend the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting on July 17, 2003.

* Linda Berlin, 1204 Seventh Street, commended the Parks & Recreation Board for their efforts in maintaining the parks but has a concern about the East End. The restrooms need maintained and cleaned and lines need to be painted on the basketball courts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to the Water Board. (Second Reading)

Mayor Wallace read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, ESTABLISHING AND FIXING RATES, CHARGES AND FEES FOR

SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS OF THE WATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to accept and approve the water rate ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Trussell.

Mayor Wallace called for a ballot vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution of the Moundsville City Council Designating the City Manager as the City's Authorized Representative for Administering State and Tribal Assistance Grants.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept and approve the above resolution, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Mayor Wallace read a recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Board appointing Duane Clarke to the vacancy on the Parks and Recreation Board.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to appoint Duane Clarke to the Parks and Recreation Board, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Bid Award for Eastern Ninth Street.

Bids were received on June 25, 2003 for paving Eastern Ninth Street. Klug Brothers submitted the lone bid at \$23,644.45.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept the bid from Klug Brothers at \$23,644.45, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

Police Chief Kudlak announced that the City of Moundsville Police Department has been approved for a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant of \$14,519. The grant will provide funds to be used for the purchase of a police cruiser.

Drug and Violent Crime Control Grant.

Police Chief Kudlak also announced that the City of Moundsville Police Department has been approved for a Drug and Violent Crime Control Grant of \$30,421. The grant will provide for a Prevention Resource Officer and related expenses for the Moundsville Junior High School.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wallace suggested that council send a letter of appreciation to Carl Boso of Boso Towing. Mr. Boso has provided numerous vehicles to the Moundsville Fire Department for training sessions at no expense to the city.

* Mayor Wallace wished to welcome the new members to council.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

A Finance Meeting has been scheduled for July 10, 2003 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

A Traffic Meeting has been scheduled to follow the Finance Meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DiRemigio** - Wished to welcome the new council members and good luck to them.

* Invited all citizens of Moundsville and Marshall County to the Fourth of July fireworks display.

* Wished to thank the Street Department for assisting the Fair Board in preparing the grounds for the fireworks. They are doing an excellent job.

* **Wallace** - Wished to welcome the teams coming to Moundsville to participate in the Beast of the East Baseball Tournament.

* **Lemasters** - Asked Police Chief Kudlak about the blinking traffic light at Third Street &

Jefferson Avenue. Chief Kudlak advised that the cause is unknown, but the problem has been reported to the company that installed the traffic lights.

* Reported graffiti being sprayed at Recreational Sites.

* Wished to welcome new council members.

* Requested officers to patrol alleys, vehicles driving at high rate of speed.

* Reported vacant properties have high grass & weeds. Acting City Manager Hess advised Mr. Lemasters that they are aware of the problem and steps are being taken to resolve the matter.

* Dead trees are on the median across from Wendy's. Trees should be removed.

* Remind citizens not to put grass clippings in street.

* **Oiler** - Nothing at this time.

* **Trussell** - Wished to thank the citizens who voted for her in this election. She will do her best to represent the citizens.

* Stressed that citizens need to become involved in council.

* **Ward** - Wished to welcome Shelly Trussell and David Oiler to council.

* Received complaints that junked cars are setting across from Giant Eagle at the car lot/transmission garage on Rt. 2. Also reported that cars are stored at First & Washington & Second & Washington.

* Reported the property at Park & Oak Avenue is in mess. Trees, grass, weeds, and trash located on the property.

Councilperson Ward made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor