

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
AUGUST 19, 2003**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on August 19, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Ralph DiRemigio.

Invocation by Councilperson K. Mark Simms.

Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following council persons were in attendance: DiRemigio, Lemasters, Oiler, Simms, Trussell, and Ward. Absent: Mayor Wallace. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Attorney White, Police Lieutenant Robinson, Street Commissioner Jim Richmond, Building Inspector Vickers, CPA Tom Dobbs and Acting City Clerk Ankrom. Absent: Fire Chief Clarke.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of August 5, 2003.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 5, 2003, seconded by Councilperson Oiler. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Tom James of Thorn Avenue made a presentation commemorating August 19 as National Aviation Day. He introduced Mrs. Dorothy Sullivan, Mrs. Mamie Shaw Legg, Joseph Roberts, and Dr. Robert Durig for their contribution in keeping the heritage of flight alive. He gave postcards to all those in attendance and presented to Council a photograph, depicting Charles Lindbergh's arrival in Moundsville, autographed by Eric Lindbergh.

*Joseph Roberts thanked Tom James for his hard work.

OLD BUSINESS:

*Councilperson Trussell questioned Tom Dobbs about report presented at the Finance Meeting. City Manager Hendershot and CPA Dobbs explained a fund transfer that was done and how it affected the Financial Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager and City Treasurer to

Sell, Assign, and Endorse for Transfer, Certificate Representing Stocks, Bonds or Other Securities in the Name of the City of Moundville.

Councilperson Lemasters motioned to approve, Councilperson Oiler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Concerning Abolishing the Public Safety Fee Appeals Board and Municipal Fee Appeals Board. (First Reading)

Councilperson Ward motioned to approve, Councilperson Trussell seconded. Manager Hendershot had Attorney White explain that the boards were formed to provide respite for indigent citizens, but this is no longer allowed under State Law. This ordinance will streamline the collection process by eliminating an unnecessary step.

Ballot Vote: 5 yeas. Councilperson Simms was not available to vote. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Concerning the Policy Provisions for Employees of the City of Moundville. (First Reading)

Councilperson Lemasters motioned to approve, Councilperson Ward seconded.

Ballot Vote: 5 yeas. Councilperson Simms was not available to vote. Motion carried.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Police Department Grant for Purchase of a Radar.

Manager Hendershot reported that the Police Department has received a \$996.00 grant to purchase a radar. This was received for their participation in a highway safety program through the Northern Regional Highway Safety Office.

Preliminary Paperwork for Grant Application to Repair City Garage Roof.

Manager Hendershot has received preliminary paperwork for a \$40,000 State grant to repair the roof at the Street Department Garage.

MAYOR ITEMS:

Nothing at this time, Mayor is out of town.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

*Councilperson Lemasters presented a motion to approve the purchase, via a lease purchase agreement, of an Emulsion Tank for the Street Department, Councilperson Oiler seconded. Manager Hendershot reported that new figures were received and the cost will be considerably higher than originally thought. Motion and Second were withdrawn, and the matter was referred back to the Finance Committee for further discussion.

*Councilperson Lemasters presented a motion to purchase a half-page ad in the Moundsville Junior High Yearbook for \$100, seconded by Councilperson Trussell. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Nothing at this time.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

*Councilperson Simms presented a motion to have Attorney White draft an ordinance to add EEO Policy, Councilperson Lemasters seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

This ordinance has passed the first reading.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DiRemigio** - Requested that City Manager contact Weirton Steel to obtain pre-printed postcards addressed to President Bush showing support for the extension of the steel tariffs. This should be done expeditiously as a time limit is in place.

* **Lemasters** - Received several complaints about traffic lights at various locations. Manager Hendershot and Lieutenant Robinson reported that the State has changed the cycling from 110 to 70 seconds. The problems seems to be in the microwave detectors that were reactivated when the cycle sequence was changed.

*Asked if a new patrolman was hired to fill position vacated by Junior High Resource Officer. Manager Hendershot confirms that a new officer is being hired.

*Received complaints from East End area regarding youth presence. Requested that more patrols be available in that area. Discussion was held on increasing lighting, but Lieutenant Robinson believes this will invite more trouble.

*Inquired about status of 515 Eighth Street grass problem. Lieutenant Robinson reported that new owner has been found and will be contacted.

*Noticed that curb painting has begun. Encouraged continued progress.

*Asked Street Commissioner Richmond if potholes on Potomac Avenue and Seventh Street and Parriott Avenue have been addressed. Commissioner Richmond reported that durapatcher will be back in service tomorrow.

*Reported that fence on Clinton Avenue has collapsed. Building Inspector Vickers has been in contact with owner. Manager Hendershot reported that steps are being taken to declare the property a nuisance.

*Inquired of Building Inspector Vickers if time limit exists for Building Permits; they are good for six months. Several complaints have been received about property at Fifth Street and Grant Avenue. Inspector Vickers affirms that as long as property is not presenting a danger and permits are being purchased accordingly, nothing can be done to force the property owner to expedite repairs.

*Commended the Court House and County Commission for replacing sidewalk on Sixth Street. Manager Hendershot reported that the Street Department did assist in breaking up the old sidewalk.

*Recognized Boy Scout Troup #78 from Calvary United Methodist Church for trash pick up at East End.

*Suggested that "Thank You" be sent to Suzie Baker of Parent Resource Network for the Back to School Fair held at John Marshall.

* **Oiler** - Received complaints of potholes by Marshall Dairy and bus depot on Seventh Street at water main break.

* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

* **Trussell** - Requested Council's permission to attend the Local Government Leadership Academy in Charleston September 26-27 and encouraged other Council members to attend. Cost will be \$130 plus lodging. Councilperson Lemasters made a motion for her, or any other member of Council to attend, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

*Received call from Mr. Bruner at 108 Ash Avenue regarding weeds at First Ward School site.

*Inquired if Street Commissioner Richmond had addressed alley at Jackson Street and Poplar Avenue. This has been started but not finished.

* **Ward** - Received complaint of high grass at 40 Fostoria Avenue.

*Councilperson Trussell reported a lot at Maple Avenue and Center Street that has been abandoned for three years and porch roof appears to be falling in. Requested that owner be found and contacted. Building Inspector Vickers reported that this area has been visited.

Councilperson Ward made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Karen L. Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

Ralph DiRemigio, Vice Mayor