

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on February 17, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson K. Mark Simms.

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

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of February 3, 2004.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 3, 2004, seconded by Councilperson Ward. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Dave Stacey & Paul White - Commercial Insurance Service.

Mr. Stacey of Commercial Insurance Service spoke to council concerning the liability and property insurance for the City of Moundsville. Also introduced was Paul White who would handle the employee benefits package.

City Manager Hendershot informed council that he would like for both liability/property insurance and employee benefits be handled by the same agency. He noted that the Schwendeman Company has helped the city tremendously, but there are benefits for the city if we use one agency.

Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department - Automatic External Defibrillator Devices.

Brad Varlas of the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department explained to council the use and necessity of the Automatic External Defibrillator Devices recently purchased by the MVFD.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

Discussion of Water Hydrants in the City.

* Councilperson Lemasters asked if the old hydrants in Moundsville that were discussed at a previous council meeting have been repaired? City Manager Hendershot advised that Fire Chief Clarke has been working with the Water Department to see what we can do to address the proper flow of the hydrants.

West Virginia Community College Classes.

Councilperson Trussell announced that classes are being held at the Moundsville Jr High School and anyone interested can still sign up for classes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution of the Moundsville City Council Authorizing the Relinquishment of the Standby Charge.

City Manager Hendershot advised that the standby charge was included in the Rule 42 for the Water Board's Water Treatment Plant. The reason that the standby charge was initially included was because the board was under the opinion that PSD 4 was going to build their own water treatment facility and Moundsville would need to require them to buy a certain minimum volume of water from the city to help offset the cost of our treatment plant. PSD 4 has since reconsidered their intent of building a treatment plant and will be buying all their water from the City of Moundsville.

Councilperson DiRemigio asked if the standby charge was relinquished and the Energy Plant decided they did want to build near PSD4, then PSD4 would buy water from the Energy Plant. Would the city have to reinstate the standby charge after the fact?

After further discussion, Councilperson Trussell made a motion to approve the resolution to authorize the relinquishment of the standby charge, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wallace called for a roll call vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. DiRemigio voting nay. Motion carried.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Parks & Recreation Board Vacancy (Unexpired Term)

City Manager Hendershot announced that three letters were submitted from citizen's expressing their

intent to serve the unexpired term of Bob Baker. He also noted that filling an unexpired term is the responsibility of the Parks & Recreation Board, therefore he will submit the names to the board for further review.

Bids for Four Seasons Pool Dehumidifier.

Manager Hendershot advised that one bid for the Four Seasons Pool dehumidifier was received from H E Neumann Company in the amount of \$12,990. The loan will be signed by the Moundsville Building Commission.

Historic Landmark Commission Vacancy. (Manager's Appointment)

Manager Hendershot will be filling a vacancy on the Historic Landmark Commission by appointing Sue Lunau.

Fostoria Glass Society.

The Fostoria Glass Society has requested donations for membership from the City of Moundsville. Councilperson Simms made a motion to send this request to the Finance Committee, seconded by Councilperson Ward. Motion carried unanimously.

Commercial Insurance Service.

City Manager Hendershot commented that he has been extremely satisfied with CIS service on getting us into a private carrier that has save the city \$100,000 in insurance premiums for the upcoming year. The City Manager noted that he would also like to use CIS for the city's health insurance.

Manager Hendershot mentioned that the City of Moundsville has had excellent service through the Schwendeman Agency with Jonette Lazasz noting that she has worked very hard with the city's employees the same as CIS is purposing to do. Schwendeman Agency covers only the health insurance and can not provide the city with the type of risk management and other things that CIS is purposing.

MAYOR ITEMS:

Pep Club Members Announced.

Susie Baker
Phil Neubauer

Wayne Lemasters
Wilson "Buddy" Wood

Michael Eskridge
Mike Richmond

Other Items to be Discussed by Mayor.

Mayor Wallace would like to express great appreciation to City Manager Hendershot for working diligently on the city's insurance package.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee recommends donating \$500 to the Elizabethtown Festival.

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to donate \$500 to the Elizabethtown Festival, seconded by Councilperson Trussell. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Councilperson Simms advised that the HIPPA Policy was discussed and returned to the City Manager for further review. City Manager Hendershot advised that a final copy will be submitted to CIS.

Parks & Recreation Board.

Councilperson Lemasters announced that a Parks & Recreation meeting will be held on Thursday, February 26, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DiRemigio** - Noted that Governor Wise signed a bill dropping the alcohol level for drunk driving from .10 to .08 and asked Chief Kudlak and Attorney White if the penalties for such charges have changed. Both stated that the penalties for the charges have not changed.

* **Lemasters** - Nothing at this time.

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

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

* **Trussell** - Wished to thank the MVFD for their presentation on the AED's, it was very informative.

(Councilperson Trussell gave City Manager Hendershot a couple minutes of her time)

* City Manager Hendershot announced that since the Moundsville Daily Echo has been advertising classes for WV Northern Community College there has been a lot of response. Manager Hendershot wished to thank the Echo for the continuous advertising.

* **Ward** - Reported that vehicles near 120 Tomlinson Avenue are still parking on the sidewalk. Chief Kudlak advised that he will look into the matter.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor