

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MARCH 16, 2004**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on March 16, 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 Pvt. Whitwam, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Vickers, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Tom Dobbs and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Fire Chief Clarke.

MINUTES:

Special Council Meeting of February 25, 2004.

Councilperson Trussell made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 25, 2004, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting of March 2, 2004.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 2, 2004, seconded by Councilperson Trussell. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Glen McMillian, 9 Poplar Avenue, asked council if kids are permitted to play basketball in the street and if so, could they play by the garage in the alley that has a 12x12 pad? Mr. McMillian was told that Moundsville has an ordinance that prohibits any kind of playing in the city streets. He was also told that the kids could play on the 12x12 concrete pad by the garage as long as it is private property and not the alley.

* George Kachalo, 31 Fostoria Avenue, spoke to council about the alley behind his residence. Mr. Kachalo was advised that the matter in question needs to be taken to civil court.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Councilperson DiRemigio stated since the 2004-2005 General Fund Budget calls for employee

increases, a motion was made to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to increase city council's salaries \$100 per month starting with the newly elected officials in November, 2004, seconded by Councilperson Simms for discussion.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Wallace called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson DiRemigio also made a motion to authorize increases for the Water Board and Sanitary Board of \$25 per meeting, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of the City of Moundsville 2004-2005 General Fund Budget.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to accept and approve the 2004-2005 General Fund Budget, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wallace thanked City Manager Hendershot and CPA Tom Dobbs for their hard work on the budget.

Appointment to the Sanitary Board. (Council's Appointment)

City Manager Hendershot announced that Larry Travis will be relocating later in the year but asked to be reappointed until such action takes place.

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to reappoint Larry Travis to the Sanitary Board, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Bids for Fire Department Equipment.

Manager Hendershot read the bids received for a high pressure breathing air system and rescue tools for the Moundsville Fire Department. The funds for these purchases have been secured through a Fire Fighter Assistance Grant. The bids were as follows:

Breathing Air Systems	\$33,721
8855 East Broad Street	
Reynoldsburg, OH	

All American Fire Equipment, Inc	\$17,200
PO Box 146	
Ona WV	

Councilperson Simm made a motion to authorize and proceed with the purchase of the high pressure breathing system and rescue tools, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of an Agreement with the West Virginia Department of Transportation, Division of Highways with Regard to Construction of a Pedestrian Walkway along US Route 250.

Councilperson Trussell made a motion to approve the resolution for construction of a pedestrian walkway, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of a \$180,000 Stag Grant.

Manager Hendershot announced that Governor Wise and Congressman Mollohan will be at the National Corrections & Law Enforcement Training & Technology Center on Eighth Street to make a presentation on a grant award for the Stag Program on Friday, March 19, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. All members of council are invited.

Business After Hours.

Manager Hendershot announced that Wesley Park is hosting Business After Hours Thursday, March 25, 2004 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Parking is limited and shuttles will run from the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department to Wesley Park.

American Wind Symphony.

The American Wind Symphony sent City Manager Hendershot a contract for the orchestra that will be playing on June 23, 2004. One of the provisions in the contract is to have the host community to house the orchestra members with families with similar interests and provide two meals on the day of the show.

Manager Hendershot asked that council suggest to him a name to organize the project. Councilperson Trussell volunteered to be the organizer.

Vacancy on the Planning Commission. (Manager's Appointment)

City Manager Hendershot announced that he was reappointing Harold Wilson to the Planning Commission.

MAYOR ITEMS:

Pep Club Members.

Mayor Wallace announced the following Pep Club Members.

Rosalyn Rhodes
Charles Majewski

Cathy Frame
David Haynes

Dorothy Durig

Mock Election.

Mayor Wallace received a request from Moundsville Jr High School teacher Mike Eskridge to assist the students in a Mock Election. Manager Hendershot advised that he will contact Mr. Eskridge and discuss the matter with him.

Other Items to be Discussed by the Mayor.

* Mayor Wallace commented on the new buildings being constructed in Moundsville.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. The Finance Committee recommended the donation of \$50 for “Partner Fostoria Glass Society”.

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to donate \$50 to the “Partner Fostoria Glass Society”, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

2. The Finance Committee recommended awards of \$30 each to the Annual Car Show on Jefferson Avenue for Mayor & City Manager’s Choice.

Councilperson Lemasters made a motion to donate \$30 each to the Car Show for Mayor & Manager’s Choice, seconded by Councilperson DiRemigio. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. The Policy Committee made a recommendation to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the employee policy manual to raise the cap on sick leave from 240 to 300 days.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to raise the cap on sick leave from 240 to 300 days, seconded by Councilperson Oiler. Motion carried unanimously.

2. The Policy Committee made a recommendation to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to amend the employee policy manual to provide one additional week of vacation for employees with 25 years of service.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to instruct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to provide one additional week of vacation for employees with 25 years of service, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters.

Mayor Wallace called for a roll call vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas, 2 nays. DiRemigio and Ward voting nay. Motion carried.

3. Discussion was held on creating amendments to the city code 519.02 storage of vehicles in the city.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

1. Request to have the curb cut in front of Remke's store for handicap access. There was no action taken at this matter until further research. Referred to City Manager.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DiRemigio** - Hopes that flags will be replaced soon at the north entrance to Moundsville. Manager Hendershot advised they have been replaced.

* **Lemasters** - Announced that the Parks & Recreation Board will meet Thursday, March 18, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

* Received some complaints on alley repairs.

* **Oiler** - Received a complaint that alley needs repaired between 7th & 8th Street and Grant Avenue and Parriott Avenue.

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

* **Trussell** - Nothing at this time.

* **Ward** - Nothing at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor