

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JANUARY 15, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

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

Regular Council Meeting of January 2, 2013.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 2, 2013, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Allen Hendershot, 1 Hess Court, provided council with an overview of progress at the Sanford Center reporting that rentals of the community room and gym are going well; a recent donation was received from the Marshall County Commission; a steak fry is scheduled for February 16 in the gym tickets are \$15 per person. The Center is trying to establish a Boys & Girls Club with after school programs.

Councilperson Wood asked Mr. Hendershot if he could meet with the City Manager to renegotiate the lease agreement which has expired. The Policy Committee discussed signing the lease every 5 years instead of yearly.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed.

* Councilperson Wood announced a Neighborhood Association Meeting to be held on January 16, 2013, 6:00 p.m., at the Family Resource Network office.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked to discuss in Policy Meeting the possibility of creating an ordinance permitting citizens living in the lower portions of the businesses on Jefferson Avenue.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Abolish the Moundsville Building Commission. (First Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on first reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, ABOLISHING THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSION. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Wood moved to accept and approve the ordinance to abolish the Moundsville Building Commission, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. D Haynes, P Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

- * Councilperson Wood discussed the possibility of Moundsville applying for "Home Rule".
- * Councilperson Wood announced that Professor Margaret Stout and WV Students will meet on January 25, 2013 from 11-2 p.m. at the MEDC Mollahan Building to continue drafting the Moundsville Comprehensive Plan.
- * Councilperson Wood believes monies are still available for projects from the Community Participation Grant Funds. Council needs to provide a list of projects to submit to the delegates at the Municipal League Conference in February.
- * Councilperson Wood said he and Manager Hess are moving forward with inviting Moundsville's youth to council meetings.

MAYOR ITEMS:

- * Mayor Saunders announced he be writing a monthly informational article that will be published in the Moundsville Echo and New Register.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee:

No action taken at this time.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No action taken at this time.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

No action taken at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

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

* **Wood** - Hopes the 2013-2014 General Fund Budget will provide raises for the employees.

* **Remke** - Asked where the proceeds go from the Daddy/Daughter Dance? Mayor Saunders noted they go toward Parks & Recreation.

* Asked if council had an idea of how much the Comprehensive Plan was going to cost the city? Councilperson Wood advised the city if working with Professor Margaret Stout and WV Students to help lower the cost.

* **Haynes, D** - Ask where are the city weigh scales and is the city using them? Chief Mitchell noted the officers have used the scales but no longer use them. Chief Mitchell advertized them for sale with no response.

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

* **DeWitt** - Commended the Street Department for keeping up on street maintenance.

* Said she received a compliment from a citizen who was pleased with council's accomplishments.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders Sr, Mayor