

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**
2 **JUNE 2, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council
5 Chambers on June 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

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9 Invocation was given by Councilman K Mark Simms.

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11 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in
12 attendance: DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot, Vice Mayor Saunders,
13 Simms, and Mayor Wood. Also present were City Manager Hess, Assistant Fire Chief
14 Walker, Police Chief Mitchell, Interim Public Works Director Stocklask, CPA Kathryn
15 Goddard, and Attorney Thomas White. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt, due to illness.

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17 **MINUTES:**

18 **Regular Council Meeting of May 19, 2015**

19 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the May 19, 2015 minutes. Motion
20 was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders and carried unanimously. Mayor Wood
21 pointed out two misspellings, which will be corrected.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

24 **A. Bob Haight, National VFW District 1 Commander to Present Zara Zervos' National Award**

25 Mayor Wood pointed out that Miss Zervos had a prior commitment and will be in
26 attendance at the June 16 Council meeting.

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28 ☉ Mark Johnson of 109 Morton Avenue had several issues that he wanted City
29 Council to be aware of, including a neighbor's gas meter that was causing somewhat
30 of an obstruction; unpleasant, belligerent neighbors; speeders on Morton Avenue;
31 graffiti and vandalism at Riverfront Park, as well as the need for surveillance in the
32 area; and the poor condition of the road behind Auto Zone. Mr. Johnson
33 commended whoever repaired other roads for the "good work!"

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35 ☉ Carol Bassett of 15 Waynesburg Pike summarized an incident she and her
36 husband had with neighbors and, in her opinion, the poor attitude of the Police
37 Officers who responded. At Mayor Wood's request, Mrs. Bassett left her notes of
38 the incident with the City Manager and explained that they have had consistent
39 problems with the neighbors and the condition of their property, which is a rental

1 house. Mrs. Bassett referred to Health and Sanitation Code 1105 and asked that the
2 Building Enforcement Agency look at the structure for possible violations.

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4 ⑩ H Carl Boso Jr of 305 10th Street reported that he has received a work order to
5 repair the north plaza roadway. Mr. Boso asked for additional signage around the
6 walking trail. Mr. Boso noted that his boat docks are being used by the general
7 public since the City docks have been removed.

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9 ⑩ Mayor Wood introduced Rick Healy of BelOMar, who summarized progress
10 to-date for the BAD Buildings Program. Moundsville was one of only nine cities,
11 throughout the entire state, chosen for the technical assistance grant. Mr. Healy
12 expressed pleasure for the “very good” attendance at the first two meetings, and
13 the decision to change the name to the “Better Buildings Program,” which portrays
14 a more positive image. The next meeting will be held July 15 to discuss the results of
15 the surveys, which will begin immediately; and to inventory buildings that meet the
16 criteria, identify solutions, and formulate plans. Mr. Healy emphasized that all of
17 City Council's input is very important during this process in order to help prevent
18 structures from reaching a dilapidated state. Mr. Healy explained some of the
19 programs available, including prevention and beautification programs, low-interest
20 loans, housing rehabilitation, and land banks. Some commented that the media
21 coverage has been very unfavorable so far, and Mayor Wood pointed out that is all
22 the more reason for Council and citizens to work together to take action!
23 Councilwoman DeWitt thanked Mr. Healy for his assistance!

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25 **OLD BUSINESS:**

26 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council**

27 * Councilwoman DeWitt asked about the boat dock email. Manager Hess confirmed
28 she is receiving assistance from Senator Kessler in dealing with the Department of
29 Natural Resources and Attorney General. A temporary walkway will be installed in
30 two to three weeks, and the docks could be ready before summer. The total cost of
31 the work being done is \$25,000.00.

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33 * Councilwoman DeWitt asked how things are going with the flood plain issues?
34 Attorney White explained that it is taking some time to gather information for the
35 legal wording. Attorney White is drafting a “Findings of Fact” from himself and the
36 Sanitary Board attorney, which will be more effective than a letter from the City
37 Manager.

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39 * Councilman Hendershot commented that any funding received from the Valley

1 Fork oil and/or gas leases should be set aside as a “nest egg” for 4 Seasons Pool.

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3 * Councilman Hendershot commended Water Board Office Supervisor Amber
4 Wisvari for her diligent work on getting credit/debit and online payments set up for
5 the Water Department. He feels the City's website should be more user-friendly and
6 have online payment capabilities, and would like to discuss this issue at future Policy
7 Committee meetings. Councilman David Haynes noted that the Water Board is still
8 reviewing the contract with PSN, as they were not happy with some of the
9 language.

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11 * Vice Mayor Saunders informed that the Skate Park is finished; and he thanked the
12 Street Department for the “fantastic job!” Valley Fence has installed the gate.

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14 * Vice Mayor Saunders asked when work would start in his neighborhood? Manager
15 Hess confirmed that Sanitary Superintendent Bonar is trying to get that work into
16 the schedule; and the Street Department is cleaning up what they can at this time.

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18 * Vice Mayor Saunders vented about motorists not stopping, or even slowing down,
19 at Stop signs. This is a very dangerous situation!

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21 * Councilman David Haynes wants to continue discussions on the transfer station;
22 and he again invited Council members to visit Philippi with him to see the success
23 they are having with their station.

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25 **NEW BUSINESS:**

26 **Other items to be Discussed by Council**

27 * Councilwoman DeWitt commented on the recent article about Moundsville listing
28 #7, out of 380, in Top 10 Places to live.

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30 * Councilman Hendershot is concerned about the recent coal mine layoffs and how
31 the loss of income will affect revenue in the City's already tight budget. He would
32 like to have further discussion at the Finance Committee, as the Administration
33 should be thinking and planning ahead. Councilman Hendershot also expressed
34 empathy for the families affected.

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36 * Councilman Hendershot commented that the existing docks are in great shape!

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38 * Vice Mayor Saunders reminded those present that the City of Moundsville does
39 not own the docks, and the DNR is apparently in no hurry to correct the situation.

1 Representatives have been making promises for two years, and the City Manager
2 has done everything within her power to keep the process moving.

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4 * Vice Mayor Saunders desires to have high grass at 3rd Street and Curtis Avenue
5 addressed, which the City Manager is aware of.

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7 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

8 ⑩ Manager Hess thanked Council for the lovely wind chimes sent in memory of her
9 mother-in-law.

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11 ⑩ Manager Hess thanked Rick Healy for his assistance with the BAD Program and
12 emphasized that the community and Council need to stay together and be
13 involved during the process.

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15 ⑩ Manager Hess informed that the issues at 4 Seasons Pool are being diligently
16 addressed, and she commented that more than 40 people attended the recent
17 meeting. A non-profit group is being formed to help with fund raising, and there
18 will be another meeting at the 4 Seasons facility this coming Thursday.

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20 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

21 ⑩ Mayor Wood wants to revisit Council's goals at the Committee meeting.

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23 ⑩ Mayor Wood informed Council that the Home Rule Board is requiring
24 Moundsville to submit another application, as well as conduct the public hearing
25 and ordinance process. Ten more cities will be accepted into the program. He
26 will verify the timeline for steps that have to be taken.

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28 ⑩ Mayor Wood reminded Council that the WV Municipal League Conference will be
29 held at Oglebay Resort in August. He would like to apply for the awards listed in
30 the recent issue of League Lights.

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33 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

34 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee***

35 The Finance Committee will meet June 9, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

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37 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee***

38 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Finance Committee.

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1 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee***

2 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Traffic Committee.

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4 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

5 * **Hendershot** – Handed out flyers for the Kids Safety Day & Wellness Fair to be held
6 at the Sanford Center June 6, 2015 from 9:00 am until 1:00 PM. John Artimez is a
7 sponsor of this event.

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9 * **Saunders** – Had nothing at this time.

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11 * **Simms** – Made a motion to receive and file legal ads as presented by the City
12 Attorney: Zone Change for Purdy Avenue
13 Sealed Bid request for 1978 American LeFrance
14 Planning Commission Hearing April 23, 2015
15 Civil Action

16 Motion was seconded by Councilman Paul Haynes and carried unanimously.

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18 * **David Haynes** – Nothing at this time.

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20 * **Paul Haynes** – Noted that the Park View light is still not fixed.

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22 * **DeWitt** – Asked about employee health insurance for the new fiscal year, which
23 will remain the same, per Manager Hess, and the Health Reimbursement Account
24 will remain the same as well.

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26 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by
27 Councilman Simms. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor