

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
2 **NOVEMBER 3, 2015**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on
5 November 3, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Invocation was given by Councilman Hendershot, who asked for a moment of silence in honor
10 of Mayor Wood, who was in a serious car wreck earlier in the day.

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12 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance:
13 DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, and Vice Mayor Saunders. Also
14 present were City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Firefighter Brandon, Public Works
15 Director Stocklask, CPA Goddard, and Attorney White. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt
16 (vacation).

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18 **DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

19 **Regular Council Meeting of October 20, 2015**

20 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was
21 seconded by Councilperson Simms and carried unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

24 *** Frank Boso Jr of 1208 Purdy Avenue** asked who was responsible for cleaning up the 13th
25 Street Docks. It was confirmed that the Recreation Department should be maintaining the
26 docks on a regular basis.

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28 Mr. Boso is opposed to the implementation of a Municipal Sales Tax, and wanted to make sure
29 residents would be notified of any ordinance readings. Attorney White noted that the
30 ordinances are not complete, and, of course, they will be advertised in advance of appearing on
31 the Council Agenda.

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33 Mr. Boso commented on how “generic” tonight's Council Agenda was. Residents should be
34 made aware, in advance, of any business to be discussed and voted upon by City Council.

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36 *** Christopher Thomas of 1701 3rd Street** informed Council of continual parking problems
37 around the Sanford Center, even with patrons using the rear lot. Mr. Thomas asked whether the
38 fence will be removed on the 3rd Street side, when the parking lot is expanded; and, if that is
39 used as an access point, two to three more street parking spots will be lost. Mr. Thomas does
40 not believe that events at the Center are being regulated properly. Two events held at the
41 Center in October caused noise until very late in the night; and Mr. Thomas witnessed
42 individuals urinating in the rear parking lot. During the October 24 event, Mr. Thomas called
43 the Police Department. He was told that an officer responded; however, loud music continued
44 until after 1:00 in the morning.

Councilman Hendershot thanked Mr. Thomas for his comments and invited him to attend the Sanford Board meeting on Wednesday at 4:30 PM. Councilman Hendershot reminded those present that parking has always been an issue in that area, even when Sanford still operated as a school. And neither of the events mentioned were “sponsored” by the Sanford Board.

* **Edward Norris of 2309 1st Street** read his letter of opposition to the proposed Sales Tax. Mr. Norris doesn't think that City Council has any idea of how much money is taken in, and the “rain tax” charged to residents is a joke. Mr. Norris encouraged Council to pursue action against dilapidated property owners, and use the funds for something more worthwhile, such as for Police Officers who put their lives on the line every day.

Vice Mayor Saunders commented on Mayor Wood's car wreck and asked all to keep Mayor Wood and his family in their prayers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council

* Councilwoman DeWitt had previously asked Chief Mitchell for more patrols at the riverfront, as youths were congregating there. Vice Mayor Saunders commented that Mr. Conner did say that it cleared up for a while, but the issues are resuming.

* Councilman Hendershot asked about having a representative from Project RED attend a meeting; and Manager Hess confirmed there would be someone at next week's Committee meeting.

* Councilman Hendershot asked about progress on the Sweep Account, which Manager Hess and Treasurer Ankrom are looking into.

* Councilperson Hendershot asked about Mrs. Rodgers, who had billing questions at the last Council meeting. Manager Hess and Revenue Collector Maine have taken care of Mrs. Rodgers.

NEW BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council

* Councilman Hendershot has viewed work on the Jefferson Avenue Bridge, and the steel is in place. He commented that the view is very good from Buffalo Wild Wings' parking lot. He also talked to Jay Wallace, who is willing to give Council members a tour upon request.

* Councilman David Haynes broached discussion on the lease with the Sanford Center Board. Although Council's “hands are tied” as to what events can be conducted at the Center, City ordinances should be enforced. Attorney White commented that the Sanford Board should seek to “please” City Council, as they do choose each year how to renew the lease. Vice Mayor Saunders has had first-hand experience with children darting into traffic from between parked cars and drivers opening car doors into traffic. Council members were encouraged to attend the Sanford Board meeting tomorrow afternoon.

* Councilwoman DeWitt mentioned that the events to be held tomorrow, at Moundsville Middle School, will be cancelled in light of Mayor Wood's hospitalization; as will the Mayors' Association event scheduled for Friday.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Ⓢ Manager Hess informed Council that the Marshall County Chamber of Commerce's Annual Christmas Tree Light Up and Business After Hours will be held on November 12 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Training Center.

Ⓢ Manager Hess read a letter from the Marshall County Animal Rescue League thanking supporters of the September 19 March for Mutts. Over \$8,000.00 was raised. Councilman Simms made a motion to receive and file the letter, which was seconded by Councilman Paul Haynes; motion carried unanimously.

Ⓢ Manager Hess read a letter from Superintendent Larry Bonar, who gave thanks for the pizza luncheon. The employees of the Moundsville Sanitary and Stormwater Boards greatly appreciated the gesture!

Ⓢ Manager Hess asked everyone to keep Mayor Wood and his family in their prayers!

Ⓢ Attorney White asked for a moment to present legal ads:
October 20 Notice of Public Hearing Sanford Center Zoning
October 14 Statements of Receipts, Disbursements, Balances
October 5, 12 Requests for Proposals/Independent CPA
September 28, 29, 30 Sealed Bids/Work Trucks
September 23 Zoning/600 7th Street
September 21 Public Hearing/Zoning-Sanford Center
September 21 Zoning Variance/2207 2nd Street
August 31 Zone Change/Garfield & Pearl Street
Councilman David Haynes made a motion to receive and file the legal ads. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman DeWitt and carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS:

Ⓢ Vice Mayor Saunders informed that the Home Rule Amendment has been filed and the ordinances are in progress.

Ⓢ Vice Mayor Saunders commented that the Isaiah Leasure 5K Race was excellent! More than \$15,000.00 was raised for the Leasure family. Vice Mayor Saunders opined that it should become an annual event.

Ⓢ Vice Mayor Saunders expressed concern about Mayor Wood's serious injuries.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will meet November 10, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

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

2 The Policy Committee will meet immediately after the Finance Committee.

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

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7 **CONSIDER COUNCIL ITEMS:**

8 * ***Hendershot*** – Thanked Vice Mayor Saunders for the many years that he has mentored and
9 looked out for the youth of Moundsville and Marshall County. Children need attention and
10 direction when they are young.

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12 * Asked Manager Hess to check the length of the space on Morton Avenue.

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14 * ***Simms*** – Had nothing at this time.

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16 * ***David Haynes*** – Thanked Manager Hess and Director Stocklask on the great work they do in
17 getting Work Orders promptly and efficiently completed!

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19 * ***Paul Haynes*** – Had nothing at this time.

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21 * ***DeWitt*** – Mentioned the parking and congesting issues on Jefferson Avenue when there are
22 events at the Penitentiary.

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24 * Informed those present that when activities are held at the “Training Center,” that is referring
25 to the Mollohan Building inside the North Wagon Gate at the Penitentiary.

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27 Councilwoman DeWitt made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman Paul
28 Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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34 Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David L Wood, Mayor