

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

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council
5 Chambers on December 1, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

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

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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, Simms, and Vice
13 Mayor Saunders. Absent was Mayor Wood, who is still in the hospital. Also present
14 were City Manager Hess, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Police Chief Mitchell, Public
15 Works Director Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Goddard, and Attorney
16 White.

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18 **MINUTES:**

19 **Regular Council Meeting of November 17, 2015**

20 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the November 17, 2015 minutes as
21 presented. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman DeWitt and carried
22 unanimously.

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24 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

25 * Frank Boso of 1208 Purdy Avenue again voiced his opposition to implementation of
26 the proposed sales tax. Mr. Boso may be in Florida when the ordinance is voted on,
27 and he wants to make sure his opinion is clear. Mr. Boso asked the audience if
28 anyone was in favor of the Sales Tax; Vice Mayor Saunders reminded him that he is
29 to address Council. Mr. Boso doesn't feel that a Business & Occupation Tax
30 decrease of one-twentieth of 1% is enough to benefit businesses. And a 1/2% or 1%
31 Sales Tax will greatly affect residents already struggling with fixed incomes. Mr.
32 Boso also read that Council is considering additional expenditures for Four Seasons
33 Pool and Riverfront Park, as well as the proposed dilapidated buildings and street
34 paving. Mr. Boso feels that Council should use existing revenue sources to pay for
35 what is needed.

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37 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

39 * Councilwoman DeWitt reminded Vice Mayor Saunders to announce the house

1 decorating contest.

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3 * Councilwoman DeWitt asked if there was any new information on the Transfer
4 Station? Councilman David Haynes has not heard back from anyone.

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6 * Councilwoman DeWitt noted that Route 2 traffic is better since the Department of
7 Highways is working at night.

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9 * Councilman Paul Haynes commented that the dilapidated houses on Linden
10 Avenue and at Locust and Highland Avenues need to be addressed. Inspector
11 Richmond noted that the owner of the Highland Avenue property is due to appear in
12 Municipal Court; and the other property has been sold again.

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14 * Councilman David Haynes asked about the monitoring of traffic on Route 2? Chief
15 Mitchell talked to Jay Wallace at the Department of Highways, who informed Chief
16 Mitchell that the State would be looking at the impact on commuters.

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18 * Councilman Simms asked if the Jefferson Avenue Bridge was on schedule, which it
19 is.

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21 * Councilman Hendershot is disappointed that the State didn't find it necessary to
22 hire an off-duty officer to monitor traffic on Route 2. There has been a 50% increase
23 in wrecks since the Jefferson Avenue Extension bridge work began.

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25 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

27 * Councilman David Haynes commented that the City Manager needs to purchase a
28 new vehicle, as the heater in the van is beyond repair.

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30 * Councilwoman DeWitt concurred that the Manager's vehicle is wearing out, and it
31 is not safe for Manager Hess to continue driving the van much longer.

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33 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

34 • Manager Hess read a letter from Mayor Wood, which the Mayor had planned to
35 read himself at the November 2 meeting, but he was kept away due to the car
36 wreck. Mayor Wood does not wish to serve as Mayor in 2016, as he has too many
37 other responsibilities and feels the Mayor should be available to serve the City
38 and its residents more diligently.

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1 ⑩ Manager Hess read a letter from Patty Holden and the Youth Club of Marshall
2 County, thanking Council for their donation.

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4 ⑩ Manager Hess informed everyone of a luncheon to be held at McNinch
5 Elementary on December 3, 2015 from 11:00 until 12:30. The requested donation
6 is \$5.00, and all proceeds will go to Mayor Wood's family.

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8 ⑩ Manager Hess informed Council that Vacant Building Registration Fees, collected
9 from 2012 through November 30, 2015, total \$20,950.00.

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11 ⑩ Manager Hess reminded Council members that the Chamber of Commerce
12 Business After Hours will be held on December 2, 2015 beginning at 5:00 PM, with
13 the Annual Christmas Tree Auction to begin at 6:30. Any members wishing to go
14 should call the Clerk's Office first thing in the morning.

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16 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

17 ⑩ Vice Mayor Saunders asked Attorney White about the status of the Home Rule
18 Application. Attorney White will have the ordinance ready for the next meeting,
19 as the public hearing process has to be conducted again.

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21 ⑩ Vice Mayor Saunders announced that the House Decorating Contest judging will
22 be held on December 10, 2015 at 7:00 PM. Manager Hess confirmed that the
23 contest was advertised in the newspaper.

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25 ⑩ Vice Mayor Saunders commented that Mayor Wood is an awesome man and will
26 be hard to replace as Mayor! Vice Mayor Saunders noted that Mayor Wood is
27 scheduled to be moved this week to Morgantown, which is great news, as his
28 recovery is progressing better than expected. Vice Mayor Saunders attributes
29 this to all of the prayers that are being lifted up for the Wood family!

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31 ⑩ Vice Mayor Saunders mentioned that Manager Hess is moving forward with
32 demolishing dilapidated houses on Thorn Avenue, Poplar Avenue, and 2nd Street.

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34 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

36 The Finance Committee will meet on December 8, 2015 at 5:00 PM.

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

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

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 * **DeWitt** – Commented that Linda Wood appreciates all of the thoughts and prayers
6 going out for her husband and is hopeful that Dave will be home by Christmas!

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8 * **Paul Haynes** – Nothing at this time.

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10 * **David Haynes** – Had nothing at this time.

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12 * **Simms** – Nothing at this time.

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14 * **Hendershot** – Would like to have discussion, on the Home Rule application, placed
15 on the Finance Committee Agenda.

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17 Councilman Hendershot made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by
18 Councilman Paul Haynes. Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor