

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
DECEMBER 15, 2015**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on December 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

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

Regular Council Meeting of December 1, 2015.

Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 1, 2015, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the House Decorating Contest Winners.

Vice Mayor Saunders presented Diane O’Conner, 1611 Second Street, as the “Most Decorative” winner. Not present was Michelle Whitecotton, 18 Hickory Avenue for “Most Original”.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt said she was very happy to see that Jefferson Avenue Extension was now open.

* Councilperson P. Haynes said he was also happy the Extension was open.

* Councilperson Simms said he spoke to Mr. Blair who owns the house behind the Quaker State of Lafayette Avenue. He said he was still having problems with the EPA and unable to rent that property. Manager Hess informed council that Mr. Blair had received a 6 month extension on that property but failed to provide proof the EPA is forbidding him use of the property.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Mayor & Vice Mayor for 2016.

Councilperson Simms nominated Gene Saunders as Mayor, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Councilperson Simms moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote electing him as Mayor. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Saunders nominated Ginger DeWitt as Vice Mayor, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot.

Councilperson P. Haynes nominated Allen Hendershot who declined the nomination.

Councilperson Simms moved to close nominations, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote electing Councilperson DeWitt as Vice Mayor. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Concerning a Home Rule Application Addendum. (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, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN ADDENDUM TO ITS MUNICIPAL HOME RULE APPLICATION TO THE WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the Home Rule ordinance, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Vice Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Hendershot asked if there had been any updates on the Rt. 2 bridges. Manager Hess advised there had not.

* Councilperson D. Haynes said it was nice to have good weather and commended

Larry Clark for the great job running the street sweeper.

* Councilperson DeWitt agreed with Councilperson D. Haynes on the street cleaning.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Discussion of Quotes for 2016 Fireworks Display.

Manager Hess said there were two quotes received for the 2016 Fireworks Display. Hamburg Fireworks Display, \$9500 and Pyrotechnico, \$9500. Fire Chief Clarke compared the specs and felt Pyrotechnico would be the better display.

Councilperson Hendershot made the motion to use Pyrotechnico for the 2016 Fireworks Display and rain date of Friday, July 8, 2016 , seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Manager.

* Manager Hess announced McKinley & Associates will be at Four Seasons Pool on Monday, December 21, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

* Manager Hess was very happy the Jefferson Avenue Extension bridge was open.

* Manager Hess announced that Mayor Wood is home resting.

* Manager Hess congratulated Vice Mayor Saunders and Councilperson DeWitt for being elected Mayor & Vice Mayor.

* Manager Hess reminded council members of the employee Christmas Luncheon on Friday, December 18, 2015, 11:30 at the Street Department.

* Manager Hess wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Vice Mayor Saunders thanked fellow council members for electing him as Mayor. He will have big shoes to fill taking over for Mayor David Wood. He said he will continue what Mayor Wood had started.

* Vice Mayor Saunders wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Vehicle Purchase for City Manager. Committee recommends to take to Council for a vote.

Vice Mayor Saunders made a motion to put City Manager vehicle out for bid, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of City's Participation With Utility Service Partners. Committee recommends to take to Council for vote.

Vice Mayor Saunders made a motion to move forward with Utility Service Partners, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Simms** - Thanked the Street Department for the work they have done on the streets.

* Thanked City Manager Hess for keeping harmony within all the departments. Things are running smoothly.

* Wished everyone Happy Holidays.

* **Hendershot** - Would like to see the extended yellow line at 5th Street & Tomlinson Avenue left as is for now. Traffic seems to be flowing good.

* Wished everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

* Also very happy that Mayor David Wood is doing better and is home.

* **D. Haynes** - Congratulations to Gene Saunders & Ginger DeWitt as Mayor & Vice Mayor and hopes they have a good year.

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

* **Saunders** - Announced the Lions Club recognized Kevin Wallace, Noel Clarke, Crystal Blake, Shawn Allman, Steve Kosek, Rob Wolfe and Gary Brannon for saving the live of a resident when his mobile home fell on him.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to recognize those individuals at the next council meeting, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* **DeWitt** - Thanked every one for electing her Vice Mayor.

* Congratulations to Vice Mayor Saunders for his election to Mayor.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Vice Mayor