

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 3, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Hendershot.

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

Regular Council Meeting of April 19, 2016.

Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 19, 2016, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Jerry Gillespie, 313 Sycamore Avenue, reported junk car in the back yard of neighbors house and houses at 309 & 311 Sycamore Avenue are in bad shape.

City Manager Hess said those problems are being addressed.

* Bob Hunnell, Owner of Auto Choice, said he is opposed to ordinance pertaining to the threshold of bids from \$10,000 to \$25,000. He said he was in favor of the competitive process and if the city implements this ordinance the competitive bidding process will cease. He doesn't feel the city will "shop around" for a lesser price. He asked what benefit the city would get from implementing this ordinance. Mr. Hunnell also asked why the City Manager did not take the lowest bid when choosing a vehicle in which Auto Choice was the low bidder?

Vice Mayor Dewitt said the city would still shop around for the better price. Since material and equipment prices are increasing this would allow department to receive the material or equipment faster.

Attorney White said Auto Choice was the low bidder however, after a compared analysis, only 1 company met all bid specifications. Mr. Hunnell asked if he could look at the bids? Attorney White said he would allow Mr. Hunnell to look them over.

Councilperson D. Haynes said he is the Chairman for the Moundsville Water Board, with having a \$18 million plant, a pump that is needed costs \$50,000. Delegate Ferro obtained a grant for \$10,000 toward the purchase of the pump. We can't ask a company to hold that pump for 6 months in order for the city to obtain the money to purchase the pumps.

* Bill Hunnell, Co-owner of Auto Choice, said he met with City Manager Hess, looked at the bids and feels their bids met every specification on the sheet. He said he was disappointed the low bid was not accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to discuss at the Policy meeting possibly hiring a Code Enforcement Officer to enforce the city code, seconded by Councilperson Wood. He feels the Building Inspectors and the Police Officers have enough to do without having to enforce high grass, dilapidated structures and health & sanitation violations. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hendershot asked that Chief Mitchell and the City Manager bring some information to the committee meeting.

* Councilperson Simms said his "goals" were not added to the list. Councilperson Wood said he didn't update the list yet but will have a copy ready at the sub committee meetings.

* Councilperson Wood asked Mayor Saunders if he would give a brief outline of his meeting on chickens? Mayor Saunders read the list of changes to the chicken ordinance that will be provided to council at the sub committee meeting.

* Councilperson Wood asked how council plans to address the upgrades at Four Seasons Pool? He would like to see some information on bonds and levies.

* Councilperson Simms suggested the idea by City Manager Hess of a City/County pool.

* Councilperson Wood said council needs to begin discussing the "Better Buildings" program.

* Councilperson Hendershot asked Manager Hess if she followed up on the "drive-thru tax" from Gumbys? Manager Hess said she spoke with the manager of Gumbys who advised they were removing the tax.

* Councilperson Hendershot asked if Manager Hess was able to contact Carrie Staton? Manager Hess said she called and left messages for Carrie several times but she has not returned her calls. Councilperson Wood said Ms. Staton called him, she apologized for not returning Manager Hess's calls. She said with the money from the marketing grant for the Fostoria, she is waiting on

the city to return an RFP (Request for Proposals).

* Councilperson Hendershot said Manager Hess needs to follow up on the three bridges in Moundsville. They are in need of repair and a serious concern. Manager Hess said two bridges will be inspected in October, 2016 and the other bridge she has not received any information on.

* Councilperson Hendershot said he was disappointed that Manager Hess did not purchase the vehicle from low bidder Auto Choice and he feels the city should purchase vehicles locally.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Employees Longevity/Incentive. (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, AMENDING AND REENACTING A PORTION OF ARTICLE 155 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, RELATING TO POLICY PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, BY AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTION 155.09, SUBSECTION "m", FOR LONGEVITY PAY TO INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM AT 25 YEARS OF SERVICE. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the above ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Increasing the Bid Threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for All City Departments & Boards. (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, AMENDING AND PROVIDING A NEW SECTION TO THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF CITY IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FROM \$10,000.00 TO \$25,000.00. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to approve the above ordinance on first reading, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Hendershot voting nay. Motion carried.

Councilperson Hendershot he was opposed to increasing the threshold to \$25,000 city wide. But he was in favor of the increase for the Water, Sanitary & Stormwater.

Receive & File the 2016-2017 Sanitary Board and Stormwater Budget.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the 2016-2017 Sanitary Board & Stormwater Board budget, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion to Reschedule the Tuesday, May 10 Sub Committee Meetings to Monday, May 9.

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to reschedule the sub committee meeting on Monday, May 9, 2016, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked if Manager Hess has heard from the owners of Long Johns. Building Inspector Richmond said he is addressing the property.

* Councilperson Wood invited council members to the Marshall County Mayor's Association meeting at the Sleep Inn Motel at 12:00 p.m.

* Councilperson Wood announced he is outlining an event for Moundville Middle School 8th Grade to participate in Government Day on May 13, 2016.

* Councilperson Wood asked Attorney White if he submitted the Delinquent Fee ordinance to the Home Rule Board? Attorney White said he had not because he was waiting on the other ordinances.

* Councilperson Wood said he attended the Planning Commission meeting and found it very interesting. He hopes some one will be able to give council an update on the zoning project.

* Councilperson Simms said he will be out of town on May 7, 8 & 9, 2016.

* Vice Mayor DeWitt reminded citizens of the Marshall County Clean Up will be on May 20 & 21st at the Valley Fork Walking Trail. White Goods and Electronics will be collected on May

21st at the Monarch Football Stadium.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess reminded citizens and residents to clean up after their pets when walking them. And also when cutting grass, do not blow grass clipping s in street.

* Bishop Donahue High School & All Saints School sent a letter of thanks to the city and citizens of Moundsville for donating can goods for their can food drive.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders said he and Chief Mitchell attended the graduation of Officer Muccheck. He said he was very impressed with the ceremony.

* Mayor Saunders apologized to the Commissioner that he was unable to attend the Mock Riot due to an illness in the family.

* Mayor Saunders said he was going to be out of town on Wednesday but hopes to attend the Mayor's meeting.

* Mayor Saunders reiterated City Manager Hess's comments on cleaning up dog waste. Especially at East End Ballfields.

* And hopes the Policy Committee agrees with recommendations on the chicken ordinance.

* Mayor Saunders said he was happy to see Chief Clarke is back from his illness.

* And thanked Frank Stocklask for the work his departments have been doing.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee will be on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Policy will follow the finance meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Traffic will follow the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

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

* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

* **Hendershot** - Thanked the Street Department for patching the holes. Kentucky Avenue needs some attention. Stormwater Department may need to look into that area also, the street holds a lot of water.

* **DeWitt** - Announced the city contracted someone for the grass cutting of city property.

* Asked when she drafts a letter on pet waste, could she also remind citizens to use garbage cans to put their garbage in. Some residents have let their garbage pile up in their back yards.

* **P. Haynes** - Said grass was finally cut at 45 Walnut Avenue.

* Reported the playground fence by the school has been tore down again.

* **D. Haynes** - Thanked the Street Department for patching DiRemigio Drive.

* Thanked Manager Hess and Mayor Saunders participating in the presentation from Delegate Ferro.

* Also thanked Mayor Saunders for resolving the chicken ordinance issues.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Simms.
Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor