

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 17, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 17, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms. Councilperson Simms asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Councilperson Hendershot's mother.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: Vice Mayor DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: Hendershot. 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 May 3, 2016.

Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 3, 2016, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

*** Jane Klug - Friends of Parks & Recreation.**

Friends of Parks & Recreation spokesperson, Jane Klug, informed council of the groups activities and events to help raise money for the upgrades to Four Seasons Pool.

* Vice Mayor DeWitt read a letter from Councilperson David Wood concerning Four Seasons Pool. The letter was to address the rumors that Four Seasons Pool is closing. He repeated to citizens, "The Pool IS NOT closing!!! He said that council was concerned with issues that the pool equipment is deteriorating and is very costly to replace. Also, discussion of dissolving the Parks & Recreation Commission was to place the responsibility under the guidance of the City Manager.

* Doug Patterson, 101 Roger Road, Wheeling, provided a study from the National Recreation & Park Association on "Why Parks & Recreation are Essential Public Services" and spoke on ways to obtain funding for upgrades to Four Seasons Pool.

* David Norris, 2000 Fourth Street, provided a handout showing a chicken coop and chicken run on a 1/2 acre lot. He asked council to reconsider the proposed amount of chickens on a city lot from 6 to 12.

* Tom Parker, 222 Pine Avenue, appeared before council on behalf of the Moundsville Eagles, saying for the last 10 months the Eagles have been having trouble with a neighbors sewer line.

He said the neighbor had some work done and now has refused to repair damage to the parking lot.

* Betty Burkett, 1500 6th Street, said she was in favor of owning chickens but wanted to know what type of guidelines will be used for inspecting the coops.

* Karen Ali, 4 Four Sisters Court, Member of Parks & Recreation Board, said she hopes city council will not abolish the Parks & Recreation Board.

* Bob Roberts, 91 N Highland Avenue, complained of a parking problem with a neighbor. He said the man at 78 Linden Avenue parks right against the driveway of the lady at 77 Linden Avenue making it difficult for her to back out of her driveway. And the man will not park in front of his own house. He suggested painting a yellow line along that area. Mr. Roberts also reported kids riding 4 wheeler again on Highland Avenue.

Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to send this request to the Traffic Committee, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Cindy Norris, 2000 Fourth Street, asked council before making the decision on the number of chickens in the ordinance, have the Building Inspector meet with the WV Department of Agriculture at her house to discuss whether or not she could have 12 chickens instead of 6.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Employees Longevity/Incentive. (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final 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. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood moved to approve the ordinance pertaining to employee longevity pay, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally.
6 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. (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final 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. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the competitive bidding ordinance, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Vice Mayor DeWitt gave council a handout providing recycle program information. She said she would provide more information at the Policy meeting.

* Councilperson D. Haynes thanked Vice Mayor DeWitt for providing that information and moving forward.

* Councilperson Wood said the Student Government Day with the Moundsville Middle School Eighth Grade that was held on Friday, May 13 was a success.

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the 2016-2017 Moundsville Water Board Budget.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the Water Board's 2016-2017 Budget, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked for Mayor Saunders to schedule a meeting to discuss issues on Four Seasons Pool.

* Councilperson Wood announced a Mock Trial will be held on May 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m., with Judge David Hummel.

* Councilperson Wood praised Chief Mitchell and the Moundsville Police Officers for protecting the citizens of Moundsville and recognized them for National Police Week.

* Councilperson Simms asked why the Parks & Recreation Board and Director are not coming up with a plan for the pool? Councilperson Wood said he approached the board numerous times to come up with a plan.

* Councilperson D. Haynes thanked the Street Department for putting gravel in his alley along with the other alley's across town.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* In honor of National Police Week, City Manager Hess thanked the City of Moundsville Police Officers and all the Police Officers across the United States for the job they do.

* City Manager Hess reiterated Councilperson Wood's letter saying that closing the Four Seasons Pool is a rumor.

* Business After Hours will be held on May 26, 2016 from 5-7 p.m., sponsored by the Cameron American Legion at the Bill Harris American Legion Community Annex Building. Council members wishing to attend, please call Marilyn, the City Manager's Secretary.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders, who is also the Vice Chairperson of the Parks & Recreation Board, said several issues are being addressed at the pool since hiring a Pool Manager.

* Mayor Saunders said he walked around Moundsville and wrote down several property addresses with high grass.

* Mayor Saunders praised the Moundsville Police Department in honor of National Police Week.

* Mayor Saunders scheduled a Home Rule meeting on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Ordinance 505.11 Keeping Fowl & Beehives. Committee recommends to

direct the City Attorney to draft amendments to ordinance 505.11 Keeping Fowl. Committee also recommends to further discuss the Bee Hive ordinance at the June meeting.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft amendments to the ordinance, Keeping Fowl 505.11, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of the Possibility of Dissolving the Parks & Recreation Board Article 158. And the Cultural & Recreation Commission Article 153. Committee recommends directing the City Attorney to draft an ordinance abolishing Article 158 Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioner and to draft an ordinance abolishing Article 153 Cultural and Recreation Commission.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to dissolve the Parks & Recreation Board Article 158 and the Cultural & Recreation Commission Article 153, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 3 yeas, 3 nays. P. Haynes, Simms and Mayor Saunders voting nay. Motion failed as tie vote.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to dissolve the Cultural and Recreation Commission Article 153, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DeWitt** - Commented that Mayor Saunders reported high grass at different locations in the city but hopes the city will be a little lenient on residents with all the rain because the city had a lot of grass that didn't get cut for several weeks.

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

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

* **Wood** - Congratulated Street Commissioner Stocklask on the new wash station they constructed.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor