

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**  
2 **NOVEMBER 1, 2016**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on  
5 November 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene L Saunders Sr.

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9 Invocation was given by Councilman Allen Hendershot.

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

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17 **MINUTES:**

18 **Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 2016**

19 Councilman Paul Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion was  
20 seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt and carried unanimously.

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22 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

23 **Luke Elser, of the Northern West Virginia Brownfield Assistance Center**, presented copies  
24 of the Community Survey Results and Analysis and Recommendations Summary, as compiled  
25 by the Better Buildings volunteer committee. Mr. Elser commented that Moundsville doesn't  
26 have any neighborhoods in "severe distress" but does have a few clusters of dilapidated  
27 properties; and he is impressed by the City administration's proactive approach in getting a  
28 handle on this issue. Mr. Elser encouraged Moundsville City Council to consider developing  
29 an Urban Renewal Authority, as the City of Wellsburg has recently done, to help this process  
30 continue moving forward. There will be a public meeting on November 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM at  
31 the Marshall County Family Resource Network office, with an open Q&A to discuss the  
32 recommendations from the Better Buildings committee. Mr. Elser agreed that getting this  
33 information in an electronic format, so that it can be shared with the community through email,  
34 the City website, and Social Media, will help get residents informed quickly.

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36 Rick Healy, of BelOMar, noted that the Better Buildings committee will have links available on  
37 their Facebook page. Mr. Healy emphasized that having Council members attend the public  
38 meeting is vital, as the residents want to see their leaders involved in the process.

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40 No one else wished to address Council.

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44 **OLD BUSINESS:**

45 **A) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Decreasing the Business &**

1 **Occupation Tax in the City of Moundsville (Second Reading)**

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3 Attorney White read the ordinance by title only:

4 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST**  
5 **VIRGINIA AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE BY**  
6 **AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTIONS 745.06 AND 745.07 PROVIDING FOR**  
7 **DECREASING BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAXES ON MANUFACTURING AND**  
8 **RETAIL SALES IN THE CITY (SECOND READING)**

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10 Councilman David Haynes made the motion to approve the ordinance on second reading,  
11 which was seconded by Councilman Paul Haynes. Mayor Saunders called for a roll call vote,  
12 and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: 6 yeas, 1 nay, with Vice Mayor  
13 DeWitt voting nay. Motion carried.

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

16 \*Councilman David Haynes thanked Manager Hess for making progress on the bridges.

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18 \*Councilman Wood noted that it is good to see the house on Parriott Avenue being removed.

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20 \*Councilman Wood would like to see the new recycling program advertised more. Recyclable  
21 materials are being accepted five days per week from 7:00 am until 2:00 PM.

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23 \*Councilman Hendershot asked for a summary from the meeting with Department of  
24 Transportation officials. Manager Hess first commented that paving of City streets will not be  
25 done this year, and Klug Bros officials apologized that they could not get to those projects. The  
26 City of Moundsville will be first on the list for spring 2017 paving at the same price as was  
27 quoted this year. Manager Hess then informed Council that Fostoria Avenue bridge will be  
28 repaired first, as its condition is the worst of the three; and it will be closed for at least one  
29 month. Elm Avenue will then be repaired, followed by Ash Avenue, on which more  
30 information is being gathered. Rick Healy of BelOMar is working with Manager Hess to find  
31 grant money or State assistance to help with the cost of the bridge repairs. Pre-cast box  
32 culverts may be an option on Elm Avenue; however, the other two bridges are too big for  
33 culverts. There will be a Special Meeting called when the DOT District Engineer is available,  
34 as all of City Council should be involved in the gathering of information.

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36 \*Manager Hess assured residents that City Officials have not forgotten about work needing  
37 done to the Four Seasons Pool complex; however, at this time, the City bridges are a more  
38 urgent priority.

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40 \*Councilman Hendershot thanked the Brownfield office for all of their assistance, in the past,  
41 with the Fostoria property, and now with the Better Buildings committee.

42 **NEW BUSINESS:**

43 **Appointment to the Moundsville Parks & Recreation Board**

44 Linda Miller of 1107 Lockwood Avenue submitted a letter, asking to be reappointed to the  
45 Moundsville Parks & Recreation Board. Mrs. Miller was filling an unexpired six-year term.

1 Councilman Simms made a motion to reappoint Linda Miller to the Parks & Recreation Board,  
2 which was seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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4 **Appointment to the Municipal Building Commission**

5 William P Mentzer of 208 11<sup>th</sup> Street submitted a letter of interest to serve on the Municipal  
6 Building Commission. Manager Hess commented that two members of the five-member  
7 Commission did not want reappointed; and another member moved out of City limits. This  
8 Council appointment is for five years. Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to approve Mr.  
9 Mentzer's appointment to the Municipal Building Commission, which was seconded by  
10 Councilman Paul Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

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12 Councilman Hendershot opined that the Municipal Building Commission should be involved  
13 with any Urban Renewal Authority that may be formed in the future.

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

16 \*Councilman Wood asked if any discussion will be held, at the November 7 Committee  
17 meetings, in regard to financing the dehumidifier at Four Seasons Pool. This issue will be on  
18 the agenda.

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20 \*Councilman Simms has received complaints about the former B&K Market on 8<sup>th</sup> Street and  
21 the house next door to it. Inspector Richmond is looking at this property.

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23 \*Councilman Simms also received complaints about speeders in that same area on 8<sup>th</sup> Street,  
24 and drivers are not obeying the Stop signs.

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26 \*Councilman Simms noted that Jim Pettit recently sold his business and is retiring.  
27 Councilman Simms made a motion to honor Jim Pettit for many years of service to the City of  
28 Moundsville through his business, Allen's Bootery. Motion was seconded by Councilman  
29 Hendershot and carried unanimously.

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31 \*Councilman David Haynes thanked Vice Mayor DeWitt for her efforts to resume the recycling  
32 program.

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34 \*Councilman David Haynes expressed frustration about the paving projects not getting done  
35 this year, and suggested that maybe the City should require a bond in the future. Councilman  
36 David Haynes made a motion to take this recommendation to the Policy Committee.  
37 Councilman Simms seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Attorney White will  
38 check into this option before November 7, 2016.

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40 \*Vice Mayor DeWitt also expressed disappointment that no paving will be done this year. She  
41 suggested that Council start looking at the paving list in January so that this kind of delay  
42 doesn't happen again next year.

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44 **CONSIDER MANAGER ITEMS:**

45 ① Manager Hess confirmed that City Council wants to honor Jim Pettit at the next Council

1 meeting, and with something more than just a certificate. It was confirmed that yes, Mr.  
2 Pettit should be recognized on November 15, 2016 with a plaque.

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4 ☉ Manager Hess confirmed that the recycling program has been advertised and dumpsters are  
5 on site at the Public Works garage. This area is manned Monday through Friday from 7:00  
6 am until 2:00 PM, and monitored by personnel, in addition to the security cameras.

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8 ☉ Manager Hess informed Council of the Annual Tree Light Up Business After Hours on  
9 November 10, 2016 starting at 5:00 PM. The event is being sponsored by Reynolds  
10 Memorial Hospital and will be held at the training center at the former Penitentiary.

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12 ☉ Manager Hess congratulated Public Works Director Frank Stocklask, who will celebrate his  
13 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Wednesday!

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15 ☉ Manager Hess recognized Josephine Burch, who is a new member to the Moundsville  
16 Planning Commission. Ms Burch recently purchased a property on Thompson Avenue and  
17 is doing an amazing remodeling job!

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19 **CONSIDER MAYOR ITEMS:**

20 ☉ Mayor Saunders made a motion to discuss, at the Traffic Committee, installing another Stop  
21 sign at the Oak Avenue intersection, at the bottom of the road to Grand Vue Park. Motion  
22 was seconded by Councilman Simms and carried unanimously. Vehicles are speeding on  
23 Oak Avenue and that intersection is a concern to residents.

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25 ☉ Mayor Saunders made a motion to resume discussions, at the Policy Committee, on  
26 instituting an ambulance service. Motion was seconded by Councilman David Haynes and  
27 carried unanimously. Chief Clarke commented that this would be a good idea to consider.

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29 ☉ Councilman David Haynes made a motion to discuss, at the Finance Committee, giving the  
30 City Manager a 7% salary increase. Motion was seconded by Councilman Simms.  
31 Councilman Wood would like to see a dollar figure as to how much that increase would be.  
32 Mayor Saunders called for a roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the  
33 following tally: 6 yeas, 1 nay, with Councilman Hendershot voting nay. Motion carried.

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35 **CONSIDER COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

36 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

37 The Finance Committee will meet November 7, 2016 at 5:00 PM.

38 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

39 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Finance Committee.

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41 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

42 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Policy Committee.

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44 **CONSIDER COUNCIL ITEMS**

45 \* Hendershot – Wished good fortune to all of those running for City Council seats and

1 encouraged everyone to get out and vote!

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3 \* Wood – Also encouraged everyone to get out and vote and wished good fortune to those  
4 running for positions!

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6 \* Simms – Thanked Vice Mayor DeWitt for renewing interest in the recycling program. He  
7 hopes this will reduce the tonnage that the City is billed for from the landfill.

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9 \* Vice Mayor DeWitt – Would like to see longer hours available for residents to drop off  
10 recyclable material. Director Stocklask reminded that weekday hours were set because  
11 manpower was available to monitor the site. There were problems in the past with residents  
12 dumping all kinds of trash in the recycling dumpsters. It would be possible to man the  
13 dumpsters one or two Saturdays per month, once the program is up and running for a while and  
14 Director Stocklask and Manager Hess see how it's going.

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16 \* Councilman Paul Haynes – Asked for the mirror at Cherokee Hills and the Campground be  
17 adjusted. Also, the mirror at the Jefferson Avenue entrance to Cherokee Hills is broken.

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19 \* Councilman David Haynes – Encouraged residents to go vote!

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21 \* Councilman David Haynes – Asked Director Stocklask to express his gratitude to the Street  
22 Department workers who fixed the curb on Elm Avenue.

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24 Councilman David Haynes made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman  
25 Simms; and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Mayor