

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, MARCH 7, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot .

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11 Mayor Saunders called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance:
12 DeWitt, Haynes, Hendershot, Hunt, Wood, and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City
13 Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner
14 Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas
15 White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

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17 **Regular Council Meeting of February 21, 2017.**

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19 Councilperson Remke moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council
20 meeting of February 21, 2017, seconded by Councilperson Hunt.

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22 Councilperson DeWitt made a correction on page 7 lines 36, 37 & 38. Armory Building
23 should be Naval Reserve Center contains mold. Motion carried unanimously as amended.

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25 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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27 * Derek Turkezer, 242 Jefferson Avenue, thanked council for the services they provide to
28 citizens.

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30 * **Chris Kessler - Marshall County Assessors Office.**

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32 Mr. Kessler, Marshall County Assessor, provided handouts of the assessed values and
33 levy rates of properties in Marshall County and explained the process of determining
34 those values and rates.

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36 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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40 * Councilperson DeWitt asked Street Commissioner Stocklask if he was monitoring the

1 recycling and if so, has recycling increased or decreased. Mr. Stocklask said he hasn't
2 monitored the usage closely but feels that businesses are using the bins more so they don't
3 get charged for extra dumpster service. He said he will watch more closely.
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5 * Councilperson DeWitt requested the Sanitary Department to look at the manhole again
6 at 7th & Ash Avenue.
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8 * Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the collection of delinquent fees. Manager
9 Hess said letters have been sent out but most citizens have made payment arrangements,
10 only a few have opted for a court hearing.
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12 * Councilperson Wood asked that "Goals" be placed on the sub committee meeting
13 agenda.
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15 * Councilperson Wood suggested council recognize Marshall County Chamber of
16 Commerce Executive Director David Knuth on his retirement. Mayor Saunders noted the
17 recognition is in the process.
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19 * Councilperson Wood asked Chief Mitchell for an update on the Police Department
20 building quotes. Chief Mitchell said he received another bid for repairs to the basement.
21 He chose not to discuss the amount in the quotes due to others under bidding or not
22 bidding at all.
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24 Attorney White informed council of a "right of first refusal" clause in the contract with
25 The Knights of Pythias. Which means they have a right to buy the building back for what
26 ever price the city is offered by someone else.
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28 * Councilperson Wood asked Attorney White for an update on the legality of a parking
29 meter attendant issuing citations for other parking violations. Attorney White said he was
30 not prepared to discuss at the council meeting but will have information at the sub
31 committee meeting.
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33 * Councilperson Wood asked about the city business license process of implementing less
34 license categories? City Clerk Hewitt reported the licenses will not be updated until July
35 1, 2017.
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37 * Councilperson Wood asked when council will be discussing changes in the city code
38 book? City Clerk Hewitt hopes to discuss the updates when the sub committee agenda's
39 are not so full.
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1 * Councilperson Haynes asked that council be provided the financial reports from the
2 Parks & Recreation Board.

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4 * Councilperson Haynes noted, after reading the Parks & Recreation Board minutes, a
5 board member made a statement that certain council people are not in favor of the pool.
6 He said he doesn't feel any member of council is against the pool.

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8 * Councilperson Remke asked Manager Hess for an update on the Belomar grant for the
9 First Street water line and sewer project. City Manager Hess announced that Rick Healy
10 of Belomar will be attending a Water Board meeting to discuss issues concerning First
11 Street.

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13 * Councilperson Remke asked for an update on paving list. Manager Hess said she and
14 Street Commissioner Stocklask are working on the list.

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16 * Councilperson Hunt expressed her thanks to Jane Klug and Friends of the Parks &
17 Recreation members for attempting to obtain grants for the pool.

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19 * Councilperson Hunt asked Manager Hess if she made contact with The Brad Paisley
20 Foundation for assistance? Manager Hess replied that she has not.

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22 * Councilperson Hunt commended Manager Hess on the delinquent fees program.

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24 * Councilperson Hendershot asked if Manager Hess was able to obtain anymore
25 information on the traffic signal at 3rd & Jefferson Avenue and 7th & Jefferson Avenue?
26 Manager Hess said Mr. Witherow of DOH has not returned her call.

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28 * Councilperson Hendershot asked if Manager Hess had followed up on the cost to the
29 city if the Police Department were to move to the Armory. Manager Hess said she is still
30 discussing things with the Marshall County Fair Board.

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32 * Councilperson Hendershot asked for the size of the pool and buildings. Manager Hess
33 will get the information for him.

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35 * Councilperson Hendershot provided a follow up letter from Wendy Tronka, who he met
36 with last week concerning the possibility of offering grant writing for Four Seasons Pool.
37 He suggested council keep her in mind in the future.

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39 **NEW BUSINESS:**

1 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**
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3 * Councilperson Hendershot voiced his concern and displeasure with a violation the
4 Water Board received from the State Health Department for lead and copper sampling.
5 He stressed to the citizens there is no problem with lead and copper in Moundsville water.
6 However, there had been a problem with the paperwork. Councilperson Haynes said
7 notice of the violation has been sent on the water bills.
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9 * Councilperson Hunt asked if there were stipulations on the East End ballfield property
10 and if the property was obtained with grants? Mayor Saunders said the property was
11 obtained with grants, therefore the property can only be used for recreation.
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13 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss Land Purchase at the finance meeting,
14 seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.
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16 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss changing definitions in the dilapidated
17 building ordinance at the policy meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion
18 carried unanimously.
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20 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to add emergency information to the city's
21 website. Motion died for lack of a second.
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23 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss at the policy meeting of adding minutes
24 from the Sanitary Board, Water Board, Parks & Recreation Board to the city's website,
25 seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.
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27 * Councilperson Haynes made a motion to discuss building a second floor onto the
28 Moundsville City Building for the Police Department, seconded by Councilperson
29 Remke. Motion carried unanimously.
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31 * Councilperson Wood announced a Mayor's Meeting will be held at the Moundsville
32 Training Center, Thursday March 16, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. The session will consist of the
33 upcoming Marshall County School Bond Levy Special Election that will be held on
34 Saturday, March 25, 2017.
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36 * Councilperson DeWitt has scheduled some ideas to discuss at the finance meeting for
37 development of the Riverfront Park.
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39 * Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to discuss at the traffic meeting large truck traffic
40 on Lafayette Avenue turning onto 10th & 11th Streets, seconded by Councilperson Wood.

1 Motion carried unanimously.
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3 **MANAGER ITEMS:**
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5 * Manager Hess reported payments from the states collection of the 1% Sales Tax arrive
6 to the municipalities approximately 2 weeks after the end of each quarter.
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8 * Manager Hess announced Friends of the Parks & Recreation purchased a swing for the
9 Riverfront Park. Manager Hess said she had three structures built for the swings.
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11 * Manager Hess announced that Long John Silvers company is remodeling the old
12 restaurant for reopening.
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14 * Manager Hess also announced she is still working on the plan for the pool. A
15 contractor gave her a free quote for pool renovations.
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17 Councilperson Wood reminded Manager Hess the plan she is to provide will be in
18 writing.
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20 * Manager Hess invited council to a ribbon cutting, Friday March 10, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.,
21 at Theresa's Fabric. Mrs. Gouldsberry purchased the building next to her store to expand
22 her business on Jefferson Avenue.
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24 **MAYOR ITEMS:**
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26 * Mayor Saunders announced he would be in Virginia for a few days to visit his son.
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28 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
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30 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**
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32 The Traffic Committee will be on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
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34 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**
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36 The Finance Committee will follow the Traffic Meeting.
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38 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**
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40 The Policy Committee will follow the Finance Meeting.

1 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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3 * **Remke** - Nothing at this time.

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5 * **Hunt** - Received complaints on needed street repairs at Cherokee Drive and Sandy
6 Avenue. Mrs. Hunt said she already discussed the repairs with the Street Commissioner.
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8 * **Hendershot** - Made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting consideration of opening
9 a separate bank account for fund raisers for Park & Recreation, seconded by
10 Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.
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12 * Attended the Better Building meeting where recommendation was made for the city to
13 pursue marketing. He asked if the city has reached out to any marketing firms because he
14 knows of a firm if council wants a presentation. Councilperson Wood said that Rick
15 Healy of Belomar has been handling marketing.
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17 * **DeWitt** - Made a motion to discuss at the traffic meeting vehicles parking too close to
18 the intersection at 8th & Washington Avenue. There seems to be a problem when events
19 are being held at the prison. Motion was seconded by Councilperson Hendershot.
20 Motion carried unanimously. Councilperson Hendershot included added more street
21 lights on the 8th Street side of prison.
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23 * Said the trees trimmed on Jefferson Avenue look good.
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25 * Announced that a citizen wrote some letters to celebrities, Oprah, Ellen and Steve
26 Harvey asking for help with the pool.
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28 * **Wood** - Said he feels the Home Expo went well.
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30 * Asked if the finance committee will discuss the 1% sales tax with February figures .
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32 * **Haynes** - Asked Manager Hess for an update on the bridges? She advised Rick Healy
33 included our three bridges with other bridge projects.
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35 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Remke.
36 Motion carried unanimously.
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1 Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor