

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, JUNE 21, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on June 21, 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, Remke, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: Hunt. Also
13 present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Public Works Director Stocklask, Building
14 Inspector Richmond, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk
15 Hewitt. Absent: Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell.

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17 **Regular Council Meeting of June 6, 2017.**

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19 Councilperson Remke moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council
20 meeting of June 6, 2017, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried
21 unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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25 * Pam Myers, 211 Grant Avenue, complained of problem properties in the 200 block of
26 Grant Avenue & Washington Avenue. She reported grass not mowed and furniture in
27 yard at 214 Washington Avenue and reported nobody being at 217 Grant Avenue for
28 approximately 3 years. Building Inspector Richmond will look into the complaints.

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30 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to receive and file the pictures presented by Mrs.
31 Myers, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

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33 * Frank C Boso, Jr., 1209 Purdy Avenue, addressed council saying they have to level with
34 the citizens as to how much money they will need to renovate the pool. The figures
35 estimated for the levy will bring in much more than council estimated for the renovation
36 cost will be. Citizens will be paying for the pool twice.

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38 * Carl Boso, Jr., 305 10th Street, was told citizens are filing a petition against the
39 Riverfront RV Park and council said the petition is too late, council already voted in favor
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1 of the RV Park. He feels the citizens should vote out the council members that voted in
2 favor of the RV Park.

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4 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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8 * Councilperson DeWitt asked for the status of the sink hole at 7th Street & Ash Avenue.
9 Manager Hess said the Sanitary Department ran a camera under the street and did not see
10 any problems but they will be fixing the dip in the street.

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12 * Vice Mayor Wood asked if the parking attendant will have to attend training before
13 being able to issue other citations? Manager Hess said he would not have to attend
14 training.

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16 * Councilperson Haynes reported the porch roof falling in at 208 Tomlinson Avenue.
17 The owner is in a rest home. Councilperson Haynes suggested taping the area off so
18 nobody gets hurt if debris falls.

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20 * Councilperson Remke asked if City Manager Hess has heard from Rick Healy of
21 Belomar on the latest grant application? Manager Hess said neither she or Building
22 Inspector Richmond had heard from him.

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24 * Councilperson Remke asked when will the Japanese weeds at Valley Fork along the
25 creek be cut? He was there earlier, weeds are still there. Manager Hess said they were
26 suppose to be cut already but she will look into it.

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28 * Councilperson Remke reported the grass being high at the Stilwell property, 1200 block
29 of 7th Street. Manager Hess had no reports on the property.

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31 * Councilperson Remke asked if the ordinance concerning grass clippings in the street
32 was in the paper? Manager Hess noted that her secretary did send the article to the paper.

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34 * Councilperson Hendershot suggested sending a letter thanking the State Agency for
35 bringing in all the equipment to replace the boat docks and repair the river bank. And
36 suggested a ribbon cutting when the project is complete.

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38 * Councilperson Hendershot noted Phase I of Manager Hess's report on Parks &
39 Recreation and Four Seasons pool was in March. He asked when council can expect
40 Phase II of her report. Councilperson Hendershot reminded Manager Hess the report

1 should review the whole budget process and include employees, their salaries etc.
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3 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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5 **Discussion and Adoption of a Joint Resolution Between the City of Moundsville and**
6 **the Board of Parks and Recreation to Provide for Construction, Operation and**
7 **Management of a Recreational Vehicle Park near the Riverfront.**
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9 Councilperson Remke made a motion to adopt the RV Park resolution, seconded by
10 Councilperson DeWitt for discussion.
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12 Councilperson DeWitt said she was not in favor of the resolution or the 50/50 split
13 between the City of Moundsville and the Parks & Recreation Board. She feels the first
14 year that Parks & Recreation should get the entire profit because of expenses of utilities.
15 And the amount could be revisited later.
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17 Councilperson Hendershot said it was his understanding the 50/50 split would be after
18 costs. However the split is decided, council agreed not to require the setup money to be
19 paid back to the city.
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21 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally:
22 4 yays, 2 yeas. Haynes & Remke voting yea. Motion failed.
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24 Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to adjust the calculations to 100% to Parks &
25 Recreation the first year and 50/50 the second year, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.
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27 Mayor Saunders called for voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally:
28 4 yeas, 2 nays. Haynes and Remke voting nay. Motion carried.
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30 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended, seconded by
31 Vice Mayor Wood.
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33 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally:
34 4 yeas, 2 nays. Haynes and Remke voting nay. Motion carried.
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36 **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget**
37 **Revision #2.**
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39 Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to approve Budget Revision #2, seconded by
40 Vice Mayor Wood.

1 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally:
2 4 yeas, 2 nays. Haynes & Remke voting nay. Motion carried.
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4 **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2016-2017 Coal Severance Budget**
5 **Revision #2.**
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7 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to the Coal Severance Budget Revision #2,
8 seconded by Vice Mayor Wood. Motion carried unanimously.
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10 **Discussion and Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to**
11 **Enter into Annual Loans for Lease Purchase of Equipment.**
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13 Councilperson Remke made a motion authorizing the City of Moundsville to enter into
14 annual loans for lease purchase of equipment, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot.
15 Motion carried unanimously.
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17 **Discussion and Approval of Re-Appointment to the City-County Library Board.**
18 **(Council's Appointment - 5 year term)**
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20 A letter of interest from James Stultz was provided to City Manager Hess. The City-
21 County Library also submitted a letter in favor of re-appointing James Stultz.
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23 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to re-appoint James Stultz to the City-County
24 Library Board, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.
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26 **Discussion and Approval of Appointment to the City-County Library Board.**
27 **(Unexpired term for David Dalzell)**
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29 Mr. David Wood submitted a letter of interest to fill the unexpired term of David Dalzell.
30 The term will expire July 1, 2019.
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32 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to appoint David Wood to the City-County Library
33 Board, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.
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35 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**
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37 * Councilperson Hendershot commented on an editorial he shared with council that
38 discussed the City of Moundsville moving forward with the RV Park, how there was
39 some disagreement and citizens were angry. Councilperson Hendershot read the
40 paragraph he felt was interesting, "Debating Issues without Anger: Demonizing those

1 who disagree with one may have become popular on a national political stage. It shouldn't
2 catch on here."

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4 * Vice Mayor Wood commented on the articles saying he may not agree with council
5 concerning the RV Park, but it is going to happen so others need to get behind them and
6 do what they can to see it through.

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8 * Councilperson DeWitt also made comment to disagreeing with the RV Park, but she
9 will do whatever it takes to make it work.

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11 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss at Policy Committee changing the
12 charter to provide for the "Mayor's" term to be elected by the people for a 4 year term,
13 seconded by Councilperson Hendershot.

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15 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally.
16 5 yeas, 1 nay. Haynes voting nay. Motion carried.

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18 * Councilperson Haynes made a motion to discuss at Policy Committee dissolving the
19 Parks & Recreation Board, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

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21 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally.
22 5 yeas, 1 nay. Mayor Saunders voting nay. Motion carried.

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24 * Vice Mayor Wood reminded council and citizens the 1% sales tax will go into effect
25 July 1, 2017. He was told that McDonald's was unaware of the increase. He said he
26 wasn't sure who would be notifying the businesses.

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28 * Vice Mayor Wood asked why the baby pool is not operational? Mark is preparing to
29 fill the pool.

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31 * Vice Mayor Wood said he, Mayor Saunders and others attended some meetings last
32 week, one being with the Parks & Recreation Board. He asked Mayor Saunders to
33 elaborate on the meeting.

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35 Mayor Saunders said he took Mr. Christy to all areas of Moundsville's Park & Recreation
36 property. Mr. Christy was impressed with our property and would help the city in any
37 way he can.

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39 Vice Mayor Wood said Mr. Christy, who is a Civil Engineer from Bridgeport WV,
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1 indicated there are a lot of opportunities out there in the line of grants. But Moundsville
2 should be looking at a master plan.
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4 Vice Mayor Wood referred to information provided to City Manager Hess concerning a
5 strategic plan that would address all of the Parks & Recreation. He feels the city has not
6 done a thorough evaluation on the Parks & Recreation Department.
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8 * Vice Mayor Wood said he also attended a presentation given by US Senator Joe
9 Manchin concerning the gas boom in West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio and Pennsylvania.
10 He mentioned 2 bills being presented to the legislative branch of government to ensure
11 those four states can use transmission centers and storage centers for the oil and gas.
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13 * Councilperson DeWitt the water fountain at the Riverfront Park was not working.
14 People have said there is no water line. Mayor Saunders will address the Parks &
15 Recreation Board.
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17 * Councilperson DeWitt asked Building Inspector Richmond if he knew of any issues
18 people are having with the Prima Marina allowing smoking outside while customers are
19 eating. Mr. Richmond said he was not aware of issues other than smoking not being
20 permitted within 20 feet of a doorway.
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22 * Councilperson DeWitt asked Mayor Saunders what the upcoming events organized by
23 Parks & Recreation were: August 12 @ 8:00 a.m. Kickball Tournament at St. Jude Park;
24 August 26 a Softball Tournament during Community Day; and a 3 on 3 Basketball
25 Tournament. No date has been set for the Basketball Tournament. John Marshall
26 Lacrosse Team has been moved to Valley Fork Park property.
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28 * Councilperson DeWitt commented concerning the pool pump repair. Someone she
29 knows brought pump parts to fix the pool and had it repaired within 2 hours. And if the
30 city should need further assistance, he is available or is able to purchase the parts at a
31 better price.
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33 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

34 **Business After Hours.**

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37 The Marshall County Chamber of Commerce and the Moundsville Economic
38 Development Council is sponsoring Business After Hours on Thursday, June 22, 2017
39 from 5-7 at the Moundsville Center. Council members wishing to attend may contact
40 Marilyn.

1 **Grand Reopening at Moundsville Rite Aid Pharmacy.**
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3 The Moundsville Rite Aid Pharmacy at 120 Jefferson Avenue has invited council to a
4 grand reopening ceremony on June 29, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
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6 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**
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8 * Manager Hess received a thank you card from Rick & Chris Yanen for paving Highland
9 Hills. Councilperson Dewitt made a motion to receive and file the card, seconded by
10 Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.
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12 **MAYOR ITEMS:**
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14 * Mayor Saunders asked Manager Hess for an update on the Morton Avenue house that
15 she has been dealing with. Manager Hess said she was waiting on some paper work to be
16 completed with the Social Security Office so she can forward it to the Moundsville
17 Housing Authority. She noted the owner is interested in selling the house.
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19 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
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21 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**
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23 1. Discussion of Renewal of Sanford Center Lease. Committee recommends to direct the
24 City Attorney to prepare lease for three (3) year renewal.
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26 Vice Mayor Wood made a motion to renew the Sanford Center lease for 3 years,
27 seconded by Councilperson Dewitt. Motion carried unanimously.
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29 2. Discussion of Request for Ad in John Marshall Football Program. Committee
30 recommends approving a donation of \$50.
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32 Vice Mayor Wood made a motion to donate \$50 for an ad in the John Marshall Football
33 program, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.
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35 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**
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37 1. Discussion of Request for City's Permission to Paint Parking Meters. Committee
38 recommends permission be given to divide meters between two groups for painting.
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40 Councilperson Hendershot said the committee came to a compromise by permitting the

1 Historic Landmarks to paint the meters in the historic district black & gold and the
2 students to paint the meters in the city lot next to Ruttenburgs.

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4 Councilperson Remke made a motion to allow the parking meters to be divided and
5 painted by the two groups, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried
6 unanimously.

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8 2. Discussion of Paving Priority List. Committee recommends moving forward with
9 advertising.

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11 Councilperson Remke made a motion to put paving list out for bid, seconded by
12 Councilperson Dewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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14 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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16 * **Hendershot** - Nothing at this time.

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

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20 * **DeWitt** - Asked how long does the city keep the summer workers? Manager Hess said
21 the Friday before school begins in August.

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23 * **Wood** - Reminded Council members of a Benefit Steak Fry for Noel Clarke on
24 Saturday.

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

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28 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Remke.
29 Motion carried unanimously.

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31 Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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37 Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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39 Eugene Saunders Sr., Mayor
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