

1 STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, JANUARY 4, 2011

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3 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on January 4,  
4 2011 at 7:00 pm.

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6 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

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8 Invocation given by Councilperson K Mark Simms.

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10 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance:  
11 DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Saunders, Simms, Wood, and Mayor Wallace. Also present: City Manager  
12 Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Public Works Director Richmond,  
13 Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White and Acting Clerk  
14 Ankrom. Absent was City Clerk Hewitt (sick).

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16 **MINUTES:**

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18 **Regular Council Meeting of December 21, 2010**

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20 Vice Mayor Saunders made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, and Councilperson DeWitt  
21 seconded. Councilperson Remke abstained from voting, since he was not in attendance at that  
22 meeting. Motion carried.

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24 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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26 Jeremy Harrison of CASA for Children LLC was unable to attend the meeting.

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28 No one wished to address Council.

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30 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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32 **Discussion and Approval of the Recommendation by the Planning Commission for a Zone Change**  
33 **at 1006 Thompson Avenue (First Reading)**

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35 Attorney White read the ordinance by title only:

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37 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING TO**  
38 **CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA ON THOMPSON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**  
39 **FROM A MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONE TO A COMBINED CENTRAL BUSINESS AND HIGHWAY**  
40 **COMMERCIAL AND INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL CENTERS ZONE (FIRST READING)**

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42 Councilperson Wood made the motion to approve the ordinance on first reading, seconded by Vice  
43 Mayor Saunders. Mayor Wood called for a roll call vote; and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the  
44 following tally: 6 yeas; Councilperson Remke abstained from voting. Motion carried.

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

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48 \*Councilperson DeWitt questioned whether any Stormwater Board employees have been hired.  
49 Manager Hendershot explained that current Street and Sewer Crew employees are being used until  
50 Stormwater funds are accumulated; hiring may be done in the spring to continue with mapping  
51 work. Manager Hendershot also explained the Blake's Addition project that the Stormwater Board is

1 working on with the County Commission.  
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3 \*Councilperson Remke mentioned the problem with Mr. Rickrode's property on Morton Avenue.  
4 Public Works Director Richmond elaborated on the work that has been done to alleviate issues in  
5 that area. Manager Hendershot confirmed they will continue to work toward an adequate solution.  
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7 **NEW BUSINESS:**  
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9 **Discussion of E Waste Disposal**  
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11 Manager Hendershot explained that a Sanitation employee noticed posted regulations, at the Short  
12 Creek Landfill, by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, prohibiting monitors  
13 larger than 14". Manager Hendershot has sent a press release asking residents not to put such  
14 monitors out with regular garbage. Council will decide whether residents will have to hold these  
15 items until the semi-annual clean up held by the Solid Waste Authority; or, as Director Richmond  
16 stated, the landfill will accept monitors at a designated site, however City employees would have to  
17 haul them in a separate vehicle and hand carry them to the recycling area. Councilperson Wood  
18 made the motion to place the E Waste Disposal discussion on the Policy Committee agenda. Motion  
19 was seconded by Vice Mayor Saunders and carried unanimously. Councilperson Wood suggested  
20 having a listing of positive and negative aspects of either option.  
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22 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council**  
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24 Attorney White is drafting the "graffitti policy" which will be on the next Policy Committee agenda.  
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26 Vice Mayor Saunders asked about easements for the property at East End. Manager Hendershot  
27 explained that one family has notified him that they are not interested in taking possession of the  
28 property. Attorney White explained that the City can decide whether to abandon all or part of the  
29 property, regardless of having all parties' consent. A right-of-way will still be available for the  
30 sewer line.  
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32 At Councilperson DeWitt's request, Vice Mayor Saunders agreed to approach the Parks and  
33 Recreation Board about using workers, at Four Seasons Pool and East End play areas, through the  
34 WV Works program.  
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36 Lien issues, and other recovery options, will be further discussed at the next Policy Committee  
37 meeting.  
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39 Councilperson Remke suggested installation of a "run-off/run-away truck" ramp at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and  
40 Pine Avenue.  
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42 Councilperson Remke would like to see the large truck route diverted away from the Jefferson  
43 Avenue central business district. This issue has been discussed previously and is not something that  
44 could be changed easily, if at all.  
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46 Councilperson Remke expressed his desire to see more foot patrols on Jefferson Avenue, which  
47 prompted discussion on nuisance bars and the City's option in declaring such.  
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49 Councilperson Remke noted that one of the Route 250 signs at the Jefferson Avenue Extension is  
50 blocking the "Progress through Unity" sign. Manager Hendershot stated that the State would have  
51 to be contacted regarding any sign changes.

1 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

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- 3 • Manager Hendershot informed Council that the \$25,000.00 remaining, from the housing  
4 improvement grant administered through BelOMar, can be used for City-sponsored ADA projects.  
5 He is looking at possibly putting ramps at the Knights of Pythias building or the Sanford Center  
6 so that the grant can be closed.  
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  - 8 • Manager Hendershot discovered that the cost of printing the Council minutes in the *Moundsville*  
9 *Daily Echo* is approximately \$3,400.00 per year. Since not all residents have access to a  
10 computer, many Councilpersons have received positive feedback about seeing them in print, and  
11 are not in favor of discontinuing the publication. Councilperson Remke will obtain a cost of also  
12 having them posted on Comcast.  
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  - 14 • Manager Hendershot received a Thank You from Americorps for financial support of the Youth  
15 Club of Marshall County. Councilperson Simms made the motion to receive and file the letter.  
16 Motion was seconded by Councilperson Wood and carried unanimously.  
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18 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

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- 20 • Mayor Wallace noted that the discussion and review of the City Manager was performed at the  
21 last meeting.  
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  - 23 • Mayor Wallace welcomed Councilperson Remke, who is very grateful for the opportunity to  
24 serve.  
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  - 26 • Mayor Wallace had copies of the subcommittee listings distributed, and noted that he is  
27 withdrawing as Chairman of the Finance Committee, to be replaced by Councilperson Saunders.  
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  - 29 • Mayor Wallace thanked his fellow Councilpeople for their vote of confidence as Mayor!  
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31 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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33 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

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35 Vice Mayor Saunders called a Finance Meeting for January 11, 2011 at 5:00 PM.  
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37 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

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39 Councilperson Simms noted that Traffic will meet immediately following Finance.  
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41 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

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43 Councilperson Wood scheduled a Policy Committee meeting immediately following Traffic.  
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45 Mayor Wallace explained, for Councilperson Remke's benefit, about the process of the  
46 subcommittees, as they relate to Council's decision-making; and the importance of attending the  
47 meetings so that topics can be discussed in detail and take less time during full Council meetings.  
48 Members of the Committees are the only ones who can vote to make recommendations to full  
49 Council; however, any Council member can bring up topics for conversation at any meeting.  
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1 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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3 **DeWitt** - commented that the traffic light at 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Lafayette Avenue appears to be  
4 working better. She has thanked Delegate Ferro for his assistance.  
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6 \*Discussed with Manager Hendershot the Knights of Pythias building, on which the engineers are now  
7 clear as to what the City needs as far as a structural soundness report.  
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9 Is still concerned about street lighting on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, particularly at the corner of Grant Avenue.  
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12 **Saunders** - Broached discussion on Fostoria property, to which Manager Hendershot responded that  
13 RAZE has been working on other projects; and they are deliberating an offer made on the property.  
14 The weather has also hampered work on the site; but they have been promised fill from Department  
15 of Highway projects in the spring. Manager Hendershot noted that, had it not been for GAB  
16 Enterprises, work would not be as far along as it is, even though it has taken longer than expected.  
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18 Will meet with Chief Kudlak about a house on Sycamore Avenue that has several junk cars littered  
19 about the property.  
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22 **Wood** - Asked about using the truck scales. Chief Kudlak stated that everyone is trained and  
23 certified; however, there is a lull truck traffic at this time.  
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25 Prompted discussion on filling the Police Department Sergeant position left vacant by the  
26 retirement of Shelva Smith. Also, the open dispatcher position will be filled, as Chief Kudlak and  
27 Manager Hendershot have been discussing those vacancies.  
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29 Was very pleased with the organization, attendance, and food at the City Christmas luncheon.  
30 Director Richmond commented that 96 people attended.  
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32 \* Welcomed and congratulated Councilperson Remke.  
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35 **Remke** - Asked for an Executive Session; however, Attorney White and Manager Hendershot clarified  
36 that his issue of concern did not meet limitations for an Executive Session. He was invited to  
37 discuss his concerns with Manager Hendershot.  
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39 \*Is eager to begin discussions with City Department Heads about their concerns and ideas for the  
40 future of their departments.  
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42 \* Debated with Manger Hendershot the appropriateness of the music that plays while on hold with  
43 the Police Department. Manager Hendershot confirmed that the dispatcher on duty uses their own  
44 discretion about putting callers on hold in non-emergency situations.  
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48 **\*Haynes** - Is concerned about the barricades on 1<sup>st</sup> Street, which the Street Department try to keep  
49 in position as often as they can.  
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1 \* Noted that the street at 2105 Hancock appears to be caving in where the Sanitary Board recently  
2 did work. Manager Hendershot will follow up with the Sanitary Superintendent.

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4 **\*Simms** - Made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Meeting  
5 adjourned at 7:50 PM.

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Karen L. Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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David Wood, Mayor