

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF
MOUNDSVILLE, JANUARY 2, 2019**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on January 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Hewitt administered the oath of office to newly appointed City Manager Rick P. Healy and Mayor Phil Remke before the council meeting.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Phil Remke who also gave the invocation.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance: Dewitt, Haynes, Hunt, Saunders, Vice Mayor David Wood, Sara Wood and Mayor Remke. Also present were City Manager Healy, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Brandon, Public Works Foreman Wallace, Building Inspector Richmond, Recreation Director Coville, CPA Goddard and Attorney White.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of December 18, 2018.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of December 18, 2018, seconded by Councilperson Haynes.

Councilperson Hunt made a correction on page 1, line 35, should read, "New Business". Council voted unanimously to approve the minutes as corrected.

Announcement by Mayor Remke.

Mayor Remke announced the construction of two hotels and 3 restaurants in Moundsville at the former smelter property by Moundsville Kroger. Unified Bank has planned to build on the property at the corner of 7th Street and Tomlinson Avenue. Mr. Remke also has proposed a new logo for the City of Moundsville.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, noted that he has been before council for several

months expressing his dissatisfaction that Mr. Varlas is permitted to place RV campers in his Mobile Home Park. He complained his towing company was on the rotation list to be called out for an accident on December 17 but was later informed the individual involved in the accident had requested Blazers but Mr. Boso later discovered the individual did not request Blazers. And lastly, Mr. Boso does not understand how the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department is permitted to reapply for a zone change for a campground when originally the Planning Commission and Council denied the request.

Attorney White said the Moundsville VFD is seeking a different route for their proposed campground. And Building Inspector Richmond informed Mr. Boso that he will be seeking an opinion from the Planning Commission concerning the Mr. Varlas's campground and mobile home park.

* Ann Niciforis, 48 Stewart Street, brought pictures to show council members of the neighbors at 55 Highland Avenue have piled junk along her fence, have junk throughout their yard and disabled vehicles.

* Jane Klug, 2015 Jackson Street, discussed key words for 2019. She spoke on Transparency, Truth, Teamwork and Trust that every councilperson should follow while in office.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Implementing a Program to Charge for Emergency Fire Department Responses. (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON-EMERGENCY SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MOUNDSVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT. (SECOND READING)

Ordinance was not brought from the table for second reading. Council members DeWitt and Vice Mayor Wood have asked for more information.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Hunt asked status of the 55 Highland Avenue property since she reported it several weeks ago.

City Clerk Hewitt recalled filing a work order to address the problems at 55 Highland Avenue. The next step would be a citation written to the owner of that property for Health & Sanitation Violation.

* Vice Mayor Wood asked for the status of the Police Department building. City Clerk Hewitt announced we have not received a report back from our insurance company at this time.

* Councilperson Saunders asked for the status of the street light on Jackson Street. City Clerk Hewitt advised the light was reported to AEP.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked for an update on the installation of the turn light at 12th & Lafayette Avenue. City Clerk Hewitt said she did not receive any more updates on that intersection.

* Councilperson DeWitt said she reported 1100 block of 8th Street requesting gravel in the alley.

City Clerk Hewitt said a work order was submitted and felt sure the gravel was placed by the Street Department.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution to Approve Funding for a Dump Truck with Plow and Spreader.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to approve the resolution of funding for a Dump Truck with Plow & Spreader with Unified Bank at an interest rate of 3.35% for 2 years with a monthly payment of \$5,242.00, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Moundsville Fire Civil Service Commission. (Chamber's

Appointment)

Marshall County Chamber of Commerce will be providing another name. The name previously submitted resided out of city limits.

Appointment to the Moundsville Historic Landmarks Commission. (Manager's Appointments)

City Manager Healy announced receiving letters from Karen Baker and Jim Cochran expressing their interest in serving another term on the Historic Landmarks Commission. Victoria Glover South had also submitted a letter to serve one of the vacant terms by Candy Dobbs and Hilda Blake. Mr. Healy appointed Ms. South to the Historic Landmark Commission and noted the other vacancy will be advertised in the local paper.

Other Items Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if the Chamber's appointment to the Fire Civil Service Commission will be advertised? Not usually since it would be their decision as to who they wish to appoint.

* Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to discuss at the traffic committee meeting to approach the Marshall County Fair Board requesting through traffic on Myrtle Avenue from 7th Street to 12th Street if the city would maintain it, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Vice Mayor Wood reminded council of future discussions on strategic planning and working with City Manager Healy on developing an evaluation form addressing his goals for the city.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Healy updated council on the Land and Water Conversation Fund Grant for Four Seasons Pool . Attorney White is finalizing the needed resolution to establish the boundaries, covenants and land restrictions. Council will pass the resolution and Attorney White will have the resolution recorded.

* City Manager Healy spoke with Department of Highways Supervisor concerning

the Fostoria Avenue bridge replacement project. However, was unable to obtain any new updates.

MAYOR:

* Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss at the policy committee meeting to reduce the number of members of the Planning Commission, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss drafting a resolution to divide the cost of the audit compilations with the Water, Sanitary and Stormwater Boards, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss at traffic committee the possibility of a “trip” light at the intersection of Jefferson Extension and Cherokee Drive, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Remke announced he is in the process of obtaining quotes for installation of a sound system in the Moundsville Council Chambers. Mayor Remke hopes to have the proposals by January 7, 2019 and made a motion to discuss the possible purchase of a sound system at the finance committee meeting, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Remke asked City Manager Healy to contact DOH concerning a street light at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Jefferson Extension.

* Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting the possibility of council members receiving a stipend check for other meetings they attend, seconded Councilperson Hunt. Attorney White will research the legality of this request.

Mayor Remke called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally. 5 yeas, 2 nays. DeWitt and Haynes voting nay. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

The finance meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

The policy meeting will follow the finance meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

The traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Saunders** - Made a motion to discuss at the finance meeting purchasing a security system for the city building, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* **Hunt** - Thanked City Manager Healy for accepting the City Manager position.

* **Sara Wood** - Looks forward to working with all of council.

* **DeWitt** - Received a complaint concerning a resident between Cypress and Cedar Avenue on Center Street throwing their garbage over the 8 ft fence landing in the alley, allowing animals to spread it all over the neighborhood.

City Clerk Hewitt reported sending the resident a letter citing the Health and Sanitation Violation portion of the city code. She noted the next step would be a citation to municipal court.

* **David Wood** - Thanked City Manager Healy for accepting the position as City Manager and stressed that transparency is very important in city government.

* **Haynes** - Appreciated the way City Manager Healy handled Mr. Boso's concerns. Councilperson Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Philip Remke, Mayor