

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

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on March 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: Vice Mayor DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Stocklask, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

Regular Council Meeting of February 16, 2016.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 2, 2016, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting of February 25, 2016.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 2, 2016, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Brad Blount - Columbia Pipe Line.

Mr. Blount spoke with council and provided a copy of the agreement that explains the 50 ft permanent easement located on Grave Creek Road off of Fork Ridge Road. If the City of Moundsville agrees to the easement Columbia Gas will pay by the acre since this is a federal project. Attorney White said he will need to look at the contract.

OLD BUSINESS:

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked Manager Hess if she received any figures on the health insurance? She said she will have figures in probably another week.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked Attorney White if he will have mural ordinance at the policy committee meeting. Mr. White said he would have something.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appointment to the Moundsville Sanitary Board. (Council's Appointment)

Manager Hess received a letter from William McConnell asking to be reappointed to the Sanitary Board.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to appoint William McConnell to serve another term on the Sanitary Board, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Demolition Bids.

Building Inspector Richmond announced bids were received for demolition of four properties in Moundsville. It was later discovered that WesBanco will be paying for the demolition of two properties; the 3rd house was sold at a tax sale; the lowest bid on the 4th house (202 Thorn Avenue) was for \$5,500.00 submitted by Edge Co Inc.

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to award the demolition bid for 202 Thorn Avenue to Edge Co Inc., for \$5,500.00 seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of a Recommendation of the Moundsville Planning Commission to deny the zone change at 714 Myrtle Avenue from R-G General Residential District to C-C Central Business District.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to table this matter to allow Mr. Henry's Attorney to seek a different zone for that area, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt.

Councilperson Hendershot suggested referring the recommendation back to the Planning Commission if Mr. Henry was seeking a different zone. Attorney White said he would guess they should file a whole new application.

Mayor Saunders recognized Mr. Harry Moore, Attorney for Howard Henry, saying the applicant didn't realize the significance of what needed to be done and the approach that needs to be taken.

He would like to refer the zone change back to the Planning Commission because the new owners would like to re-open the establishment without having a liquor license. He wants to explain to the Planning Commission more clearly of what the intended use would be.

Mayor Saunders called for a vote on the motion to table. 5 yeas, 2 nays. P. Haynes & Hendershot nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of a Recommendation by the Home Rule Committee to Implement a 1% Sales Tax in the City of Moundsville.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the recommendation to implement a 1% sales tax under Home Rule, seconded by Councilperson Wood for discussion.

Vice Mayor DeWitt feels there hasn't been enough discussion on the 1% sales tax for council to implement at this time. She would like more discussion on the tax.

Councilperson D. Haynes asked if the 1% sales tax has any bearing on how the percentage is divided or where it will be used? Attorney White said the percentage will be up to council every year at budget time.

Mayor Saunders called for a vote on the motion. 6 yeas, 1 nay. DeWitt voting nay. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval of Moving Forward with Four Seasons Pool Upgrades.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to move forward with Four Seasons Pool Upgrades, seconded by Councilperson Wood for discussion.

Councilperson Hendershot said he was approached by a resident who complained that most of the vehicles parked in the pool lot are from out of state. He would like to see a study that shows how much our residents use the pool. Parks & Recreation Chairperson Kelley Bidka was in the audience and provided that study to Councilperson Hendershot.

Councilperson D. Haynes said he is totally against any upgrades to the pool. Noting the pool has been in operation for over 40 years and the maintenance on the facility is deplorable. He feels the city should have the roof and sides removed making a seasonal pool.

Councilperson Simms said he is not in favor of spending any of the city's money on the upgrades, but hopes we receive outside funding.

Councilperson Wood asked when Mayor Saunders and Ms. Bidka attended the County Commission meeting did they ask for funding of any kind? Mayor Saunders said they did not ask for funding just to let them know the city is in need of assistance with the pool upgrades.

Vice Mayor DeWitt responded to Councilperson D. Haynes' suggestion saying the city would still have major upgrades even if the pool became seasonal.

City Manager Hess said she has sent several companies copies of the feasibility study hoping to

hear a response.

Councilperson Hendershot said even though he has questions and concerns the city needs to show support.

Mayor Saunders called for a vote on the motion. 6 yeas, 1 nay. D. Haynes voting nay. Motion carried.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood said he, Attorney White, Building Inspectors Richmond and Bertrand will be attending a seminar for Better Buildings in Weirton on Friday, March 4, 2016. Brownfields has approximately \$1,750 in marketing money to help with a particular site.

* Councilperson Wood was asked by Mr. Remke for a letter of support from council concerning the murals. Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to provide Mr. Remke with a letter of support, with specifications that the city will not provide manpower, equipment or money, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Hendershot said he feels council made a lot of progress with the budget and asked if other budget meetings will be scheduled. Mayor Saunders said we can discuss that in the finance meeting.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess said she and Mayor Saunders attended a Belomar meeting and spoke with Scott Hicks. He said the Rt. 2 widening project will start August 2016.

* Manager Hess thanked council members for supporting Four Seasons Pool project. She hopes to receive some response after sending copies of the feasibility study.

* Manager Hess informed Vice Mayor DeWitt everything will be taken care of at the City of Moundsville exhibit table for the Home Expo.

* Manager Hess noted she will be sending a bill to the responsible parties for the asbestos study the city had done on two vacant houses.

Legal Publications by Attorney White.

Attorney White provided copies of legal advertisements published in the Moundsville Daily Echo to be received and filed by council:

1. Zone Change at 714 Myrtle Avenue

2. Zone Change at 1600 Third Street
3. Legal Notice for Demolition Bids
4. Zone Change at 1600 Third Street
5. Health & Safety Ordinance - 202 Thorn Avenue
6. Civil Action for Municipal Fees

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the publications, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders thanked council for the gift, thoughts and support during the loss of his mother in law. And a special thanks to Chief Mitchell, Vice Mayor DeWitt and Councilperson Wood for attending the funeral service.

* Mayor Saunders asked Street Commissioner Stocklask to provide council members with a proposal of two buildings for the Street and Sanitation trucks and equipment. Mayor Saunders made a motion to place this on the finance sub committee agenda, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee will meeting on March 8, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

The Policy Committee will meet following the finance meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

The Traffic Committee will meet following the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DeWitt** - Reminded council members of the Business Expo and that they have a table. She asked if any council member would like to help at the table, she will be there Friday 4-8 and Saturday 10-5.

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

* **D. Haynes** - Asked if the report from the state concerning the bridges on Elm, Ash and

Fostoria Avenues is of public information? If so he would like to take a look at them. Manager Hess said the state provides a letter with concerns and also pictures and mapping of the bridges.

* **Hendershot** - With the discussions of Rt.2 widening project and the “T” intersection at Jefferson Extension, council needs to decide what the city wants to do with the “Welcome to Moundsville” sign.

* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

* **Simms** - Made a motion to discuss the Columbia Gas Pipe Line Agreement on the Finance Committee agenda, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor