

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF
MOUNDSVILLE, MARCH 6, 2018**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on March 6, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Allen Hendershot.

Invocation was given by Mayor Allen Hendershot.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Hunt, Remke, Saunders, Wood and Mayor Hendershot. Also present were City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Public Works Director Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, Acting Fire Chief Brandon, Parks & Recreation Director Coville, CPA Kathryn Goddard and Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of February 20, 2018.

Councilperson Remke made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of February 20, 2018, seconded by Councilperson Hunt.

Mayor Hendershot made a correction on page 2, line 25. Remove “all water & sewer lines use the same line.” Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting of February 27, 2018.

Councilperson Hunt made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of February 27, 2018, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, asked if there has been anymore discussion concerning moving the City Fire Department to the Moundsville Volunteer’s building? Mayor Hendershot said discussions are still on going. He said the rumors Mr. Boso is hearing concerning removal of the Police Department are not accurate.

* Frank Boso, 1208 Purdy Avenue, said he would like to know the total cost of the RV

Park and how much the city has received for the 1% Municipal Sales Tax. Mr. Boso would like to see these figures published in the paper.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Vice Mayor Remke asked if the Water Board has allowed disconnection water services for delinquent stormwater fees. Mayor Hendershot said that procedure is in the process.

* Vice Mayor Remke reported the street lights on Jefferson Avenue in front of Grisell's are still out. Public Works Director Stocklask said he has been working with United Electric to find the problem. Due to snow and rain, the lights seem to be blowing a breaker.

* Councilperson Hunt asked for an update on the new Sanitation Building. Public Works Director Stocklask said the garage doors should be hung Thursday. The concrete has been poured. He said most of the work to be done is inside.

* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the Arts Festival commission. Manager Hess said Mr. Seum was suppose to be bringing back more information.

* Councilperson Wood asked for update on the dectron system. Parks & Recreation Director Coville said the dectron is suppose to be delivered on March 20. Kucera will have people there to help unload the unit. The Street Department has already poured the pad for the unit. An installation date will be scheduled at a later date.

* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the Better Buildings meeting. Vice Mayor Remke said a letter was suggested to advise citizens the city was available to help them. Building Inspector Richmond said he will bring suggestions to the April sub committee agenda.

* Councilperson DeWitt announced the Home Expo went very well. She said the Police Department and Fire Department had their own tables as well as the City Council. She thanked everyone who helped.

* Councilperson Saunders welcomed Councilperson Haynes back since being off with his shoulder surgery.

* Councilperson Saunders asked if there has been a date set for 2018 Community Days? Councilperson DeWitt said toys have already been donated and Ash Avenue Church of God will be returning to provide games. Manager Hess said a tentative date is August

25.

* Councilperson Saunders asked Parks & Recreation Director Coville been able to get Valley Fork cleaned up due to flooding? Mr. Coville said they are working on it.

* Councilperson Saunders said the Parks & Recreation Department needs another truck. Mayor Hendershot said that purchase can be discussed during the budget.

* Mayor Hendershot asked if the zoning issues been discussed with the Planning Commission? Building Inspector Richmond said that is scheduled for next weeks Planning Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Moundsville Fire Fighter's Civil Service Commission to Amend the Physical Agility Eligibility Requirements in the Rules and Regulations of the Moundsville.

Larry Fraleigh, President of the Moundsville Fire Fighter's Civil Service Commission, explained the physical agility testing process of hiring new fire fighters.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to approve the recommendations by the Moundsville Fire Fighter's Civil Service Commission, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Execution of a Certain Application for a Grant Through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. (Four Seasons Pool Renovations in the amount of \$200,000)

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to authorize the execution of the grant application, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Hendershot called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Remke voting nay. Motion carried.

Councilperson Wood requested a copy of the application.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Hunt requested Sandy Avenue be added to the paving priority list for 2018. She also reported in colder weather ice forming from a natural spring that runs

onto Sandy Avenue. Mayor Hendershot said the Sanitary Board was looking to installing a french drain to catch the water.

* Councilperson Hunt said she spoke to the owner of Acapulco Restaurant who has requested a zone change approval for his property. Building Inspector Richmond said Mr. Salas is requesting a variance for a piece of his property from single family dwelling to multi family dwelling. And also property adjacent to the family dwelling to a parking lot for those properties.

* Councilperson Wood, concerning Sandy Avenue and Cherokee Drive, asked Public Works Director Stocklask his suggestions to fix those streets. Mr. Stocklask said if council decides not to pave the whole street, the center will need re-paved leaving the inverted section down the center of the street.

* Councilperson Wood requested to discuss Council Goals and City Manager Goals at the March sub committee meetings. Since March will be budget discussion, place goals on the April agenda.

* Councilperson Wood made a motion to go into an Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting for personnel matters, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Haynes said a great paving job was done on Parriott Avenue, however, Seventh Street, Sixth Street, Second Street need paved also. He suggested paving the whole street instead of a couple of blocks on that street.

* Councilperson Saunders asked Mayor Hendershot if council will be discussing subject of the City Fire Department and Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department? Mayor Hendershot said that he and Councilperson Wood will bring a recommendation back to council once the committee has come to an agreement. They have a lot more to do before a recommendation is brought back to council.

Councilperson Saunders requested the committee ask for information from the Moundsville VFD concerning their certifications and training. He also feels the ISO rates will increase for the citizens of Moundsville.

Councilperson Haynes asked if any of council asked the Police Department if they are interested in relocating to the City Building? He was told the police officers want to stay in the building they are in.

* Vice Mayor Remke made a motion asking for council's approval authorizing him to proceed with looking at the Naval Reserve Base on Route 2, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Hendershot called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Saunders voting nay. Motion carried.

* Vice Mayor Remke made a motion to invite a representative from Family Fun Pools to provide council with a presentation for a combination pool, seconded by Councilperson Hunt.

Mayor Hendershot called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Saunders voting nay. Motion carried.

* Vice Mayor Remke made a motion to invite a representative from the software company recommended by Councilperson Hunt to provide a presentation to council, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Vice Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss at the traffic sub committee meeting making the 500 block of Ninth Street on way traveling west, seconded by Councilperson Hunt.

After a brief discussion, Mayor Hendershot called for a voice vote. 6 nays, 1 yea. Remke voting yea. Motion failed.

* Vice Mayor Remke made a motion to discuss at the traffic sub committee meeting parking on Cherokee Drive, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

* Vice Mayor Remke asked if Tri State Ambulance service was the only service being used in Moundsville? Acting Fire Chief Brandon said Marshall County Ambulance service is also being used. They have two units in Moundsville and two units in Cameron.

* Vice Mayor Remke reported junk vehicles still setting on the lower side of Seventh Street. He said some are on jacks, bumpers are busted and some are parked the wrong way. Chief Mitchell said Blazers had to move the vehicles out of their lot due to flooding. They are in the process of moving them back onto their property.

MANAGER ITEMS:

- * Manager Hess asked Acting Fire Chief Brandon to introduce the newly hired Fire Fighter's to council and audience. Acting Chief Brandon introduced Brady Clarke, son of former Fire Chief Noel Clarke and Wendi Wentzell, who is also a certified EMT.
- * Manager Hess welcomed back Councilperson Dave Haynes from his surgery.
- * Councilperson DeWitt asked Manager Hess if she could inform council of the names of employees when they are hired.
- * Manager Hess asked Public Works Director Stocklask to announce the two newly hired Street Department employees, Willie Vessels and Colton Daugherty.
- * Mayor Hendershot commented on the City Manager report concerning a meeting with MPH Hotels who are considering constructing a hotel in the city. He commended Vice Mayor Remke on his diligence in making arrangements for this meeting.
- * Manager Hess reported speaking with DOT Jay Wallace,

MAYOR ITEMS:

- * Mayor Hendershot and City Manager Hess were provided information concerning Broadband in the area while attending the Belomar meeting on February 22. Belomar is intending to apply for an application for review of availability of broadband in this area.
- * Mayor Hendershot said the City Manager is following up on a Small Cities Block Grant application due May 23 which could possibly be demolition money.
- * Mayor Hendershot announced the Land and Water Conservation grant application is due April 18.
- * Mayor Hendershot also announced a new Federal Tax incentive that is managed by the state called "Opportunity Zones." The governor must select 25% of the areas that were submitted. Manager Hess said she feels the deadline will be met by March 7, 2018. She explained if Moundsville is selected this could mean up to \$150,000 in demolition funding.
- * Mayor Hendershot announced WV DOT Rt.2 paving project is on schedule in Glen Dale. The Rt. 2 Moundsville project and Jefferson Avenue project will also be on schedule. Traffic will be heavy.

* Mayor Hendershot received a letter from an resident who was attacked by some dogs in the east end of town. The resident had concerns that police did not respond nor did the Marshall County Animal Control. The letter was passed onto Manager Hess as well as Police Chief Mitchell.

* A Fire Department review meeting was scheduled on Thursday, March 15, 2018 for 6:00 p.m., at the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department building.

* The Manager's Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. Department Heads are invited to provide their list of needs for the budget year.

* The Annual Cub Scouts Cake Bake will be held on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

* Mayor Hendershot spoke with WV DOT Gus Suaid who said Jefferson Extension will not be closed until the end of April or early May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

The sub committees will consist of the City Manager's Budget Workshop scheduled for March 13, 2018 at 4:00 p.m.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Hunt** - Thanked Scott of the Marshall County Chamber and staff & the MEDC and staff for a great success of the Home Expo.

* Welcome back Dave Haynes.

* **Remke** - Welcome back Dave Haynes. Good to see him.

* Thank his colleagues for working with him during the Home Expo. Also thank the Chamber and Staff & MEDC and staff for great expo.

* **Haynes** - Great to be back and thanked all those who called him while he was off.

* **Saunders** - Said he would like to look at Sam's Drive before paving it. He said documentation shows that Sam's Drive is an alley. Mayor Hendershot said the houses on Sam's Drive do not have front footage.

* **Wood** - Thanked Judy, Ginger and Phil for helping organize the Moundsville exhibit at the Home Expo. Gene was working outside for the Lions Club.

* Welcome back Dave Haynes.

* **DeWitt** - Welcome back Dave Haynes.

* Suggested looking at a list of streets from Public Works Director Stocklask that he feels are heavily traveled, paving those street first then paving the secondary streets.

* Reported soft spots in the asphalt at Garfield & Ninth Street and Garfield & Ruby Street. Chunks of asphalt is laying in the intersection.

* Thanked the Street Department for cleaning the streets.

* Thanked the public who supported all the teachers and state employees during their strike.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to go into an executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened at 8:35 p.m.

Executive session convened at 8:36 p.m.

Executive session recessed at 9:33 p.m.

Councilperson Remke made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Allen Hendershot, Mayor

