

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF  
MOUNDSVILLE, MARCH 20, 2018**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on March 20, 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, Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Council Meeting of March 6, 2018.**

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of March 6, 2018, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

\* Carl Boso, 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street, asked what was going on with the Fire Department? He asked why towing services that come into Moundsville don't have a city business license and pay B&O Tax? Mayor Hendershot informed Mr. Boso of an item on the agenda to terminate anymore discussion between the Moundsville Fire Department and Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department. Mayor Hendershot also said that Towing Services doing business in the City of Moundsville have to pay B&O Tax to the city they are located in.

\* Vincent Thornburg, 318 10<sup>th</sup> Street, complained the owner of the house next to him is using the property to store building supplies, junk lumber, junk, boxes and pallets. He said he reported this to Councilperson DeWitt and the Building Inspector Richmond.

Building Inspector Richmond said he previously contacted the owner, who cleaned up the property but tends to let the stuff accumulate again. He will have the property addressed.

\* Frank Boso, 1208 Purdy Avenue, made comment to a few issues in the proposed 2018-2019 General Fund Budget. He said the proposed budget is not prudent or physically conservative and has an increase of 15% from the prior years budget. He feels the city should be setting funds aside for a rainy day fund. Concerning the health insurance increase, he suggested establishing a committee to challenge the insurance brokers and using the competitive bidding process. He expressed opposition in a sanitation increase, which was suggested by Mayor Hendershot. In closing, Mr. Boso said that council needs to get the budget under control.

Mayor Hendershot commented on the health insurance issue stating the city does shop health insurance to obtain the best coverage they can possibly get.

\* David Seum, 112 Elm Avenue, informed council that he was attempting to obtain non profit status for the Moundsville Arts & Culture Commission. He invited council members to a meeting on April 6, 2018 at 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. to be held at the Training Center classroom #2.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Discussion to Terminate Negotiations Between the Moundsville Fire Department and Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department.**

Councilperson Wood made a motion to terminate negotiations between the Moundsville Fire Department and the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Wood said social media comments about eliminating the City Fire Department were untrue and got out of hand. It was not council's intent to eliminate the City Fire Department, only to move them from Sixth Street to the Moundsville Volunteer Building on First Street.

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

\* Councilperson Hunt inquired on collection of the B&O Tax for the Rt.2 road project. Manager Hess said the general contractor provided a surety bond. Mayor Hendershot asked if the project is being done by a general contractor only? Building Inspector Richmond said there is a general contractor and several sub contractors for this project.

\* Vice Mayor Remke asked for the starting date on city paving projects? Manager Hess said the streets were recently sent in for engineering.

\* Vice Mayor Remke asked Attorney White if he has heard back from the company he is negotiating pipeline placement on the former landfill property? Attorney White said he was waiting on an answer from his counter offer.

\* Councilperson Haynes asked if Jefferson Avenue Extension was going to be completely closed while they work on the Rt. 2 Alternate Rt. 250? Manager Hess said that Jefferson Avenue Extension will be closed for construction of the new road and traffic light. They will also be closing the east end of Jefferson Avenue Extension temporarily while they replace the smaller bridge near the Sanitation property and widen the First Street intersection on the north/west corner.

\* Councilperson Wood asked if the final cost to install the RV Park was \$106,000.00? Manager Hess said it was.

\* Councilperson Wood asked Public Works Director Stocklask when he plans to have an open house at the new Sanitation building? Mr. Stocklask said he would schedule one as soon as the building is completed.

\* Councilperson DeWitt said she read in the Sanitary Board minutes that the stormwater fee was approved to be added to the water bills and failure to pay the stormwater fee could result in termination of water service. She had previously asked that the Sanitary Board bring this matter before council for a vote. However, the minutes say the change was already approved. Councilperson DeWitt feels this action to shut someone's water off for non payment of their stormwater fee is ridiculous and a terrible decision.

Attorney White said a recent ruling passed by legislation allows the Sanitary Board and Water Board to implement this policy. Mayor Hendershot asked Attorney White to research this matter.

\* Councilperson DeWitt made comment to the article in the News Register concerning the city's RV Park not being in a flood plain should have said the site is in a flood plain. Councilperson Hunt commented on the amount of income to be received by the city was also wrong.

\* Councilperson Saunders thanked the Street Department for fixing to the alley between Third & Fourth Street.

\* Councilperson Saunders made comments to how great the new Sanitation Building looks.

\* Councilperson Saunders received a complaint that water is running off the hill from Jersey Drive onto Jason Drive. He commented that stormwater issues are being passed onto the Street Department.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked when the Sanford Center Board plans to start the project for an entry way to the Sanford Center parking lot? Mayor Hendershot said the Sanford Board has met with the contractor. They are waiting on scheduling for the concrete and having the sidewalk removed.

\* Mayor Hendershot asked that Manager Hess schedule a joint meeting between the Street Department and the Stormwater Department concerning stormwater issues.

\* Mayor Hendershot asked for an update on the zoning request from the Marshall County Co-op property. Building Inspector Richmond said the issue was being recommended by the Planning Commission to correct the problem.

\* Mayor Hendershot asked for an update on execution of the Land and Water Conservation Fund application? Manager Hess said everything is ready to send. Mr. Healy received the boundary maps he requested and they hope to have it turned in within the week.

\* Mayor Hendershot asked if the Opportunity Zone Grant application made the deadline? Manager Hess said it was submitted on time.

\* Mayor Hendershot asked if Manager Hess was able to make contact with AccuFund to schedule a presentation to council for the office software? Manager Hess said the representative was out of town so she will be calling to schedule something Wednesday.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

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

\* Councilperson Wood asked to have a copy of the Audit Report. Manager Hess said she will make sure every council member receives a copy.

\* Councilperson Wood asked what the findings in the audit were and had they been corrected? CPA Goddard said two of the finding were errors in math calculations by the auditor. Mayor Hendershot said Marc Abraham was present at the audit meeting to explain the corrections.

\* Councilperson Wood provided council members with pictures of the Police Department basement.

\* Councilperson Saunders asked Chief Mitchell if he received estimates on the Police Department building? Chief Mitchell said engineering will be done next week so they can put the work out for bid.

\* Vice Mayor Remke asked if the water lines for the First Street project will be laid under the street or under the sidewalk? Councilperson Saunders said the lines at this time will be laid under the sidewalk. Vice Mayor Remke asked what the estimated start date will be? Manager Hess said the Water Board just performed interviews for engineering work. The Water Board will not have a start date until they hire an engineering firm and put the job out to bid. Mayor Hendershot said the Water Board is using the 5G process to hire an engineering firm to submit the application for the Small Cities Block grant.

\* Vice Mayor Remke asked if the building at the mound can be condemned since it doesn't have a roof on it. Building Inspector Richmond said the building is state property and he is not sure if we have authority to condemn state property but he will research the issue.

\* Vice Mayor Remke reported citizens on Lockwood Avenue are getting water backing into their basements when we get a lot of rain. He asked Manager Hess to check with the Sanitary Department to install a two way valve.

#### **MANAGER ITEMS:**

\* Manager Hess provided council with copies of the Sanitary Board CSO's. She said Superintendent Larry Bonar would be happy to answer any questions that council may have.

\* Manager Hess provided her monthly report informing council of the following: 1) Phase I John Marshall Football Stadium Renovation Project estimated completion date is August 17, 2018. The phase includes new grand stands, new lighting, new track field and new press box. Other phases will take place next year; 2) Entry level Firefighter testing will be on March 24; 3) RV Park continues with occupancy; 4) There are two vacancies on the Zoning Appeals Board which has been advertised; 5) The Sanitary Department was called for sinkage of a manhole at 7<sup>th</sup> Street & Grant Avenue. This problem was addressed by the department and corrected.

\* Manager Hess received a thank you card from the Unity Center, Benwood WV, for council's donation to the facility for drug recovery.

\* Manager Hess announced Business After Hours at the Moundsville Country Club, Thursday, March 22, 2018 from 5-7 p.m. Council members wishing to attend please call Marilyn.

### **Legal Advertisements.**

Attorney White presented several legal ads published in the Moundsville Daily Echo to be received and filed by council.

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

### **MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Hendershot attended a finance meeting on March 5, 2018. Council members have been working very hard on the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget; Attended a meeting on March 8, 2018 to discuss future development in the city.

\* Mayor Hendershot attending the bi-weekly Water Board meeting. The Water Board is working on placing the stormwater fee on the water bills which is scheduled for July 1, 2018. The Water Board is moving forward on the 5G process to hire engineers to submit the grant application.

\* Mayor Hendershot attended the Manager's budget workshop to meet with the Department Heads concerning their budget items.

\* March 15, 2018 Mayor Hendershot was interviewed with Mark Gallespie an AP writer of Cleveland OH who was interested in how the city perceives the proposed cracker plant might effect this municipality.

\* Mayor Hendershot conducted an audit review meeting with Councilperson Hunt, Vice Mayor Remke, Manager Hess and staff.

\* And represented council at the Annual Boy Scout cake auction.

\* Announced a Manager's Workshop for the budget on Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at 5:00

p.m. with a Special Council meeting at 6:00 p.m. to approve the 2018-2019 General Fund Budget.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to schedule a special council meeting on March 27, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

- \* **Remke** - Thanked colleagues for working so hard on this budget.
- \* **Haynes** - Thanked City Manager Hess and CPA Goddard for doing a great job preparing the city's budget.
- \* **Hunt** - Thankful to read in the Stormwater Board minutes that french drains will be figured into the cost when paving Sandy Avenue. Residents will be pleased.
- \* Express sincere thanks to the Moundsville Firefighters and the Moundsville Volunteer Firefighters for the service they provide to this community.
- \* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.
- \* **Saunders** - Asked when the Middle School was going to paint the meters in Moundsville. Manager Hess said possibly late April early May 2018. Also asked if the Landmarks Commission was going to paint a portion of the meters? Councilperson Hunt said they were addressing some issues such as the kind of paint.
- \* Reported vehicles still parking on the curbs. Chief Mitchell will address the issue.
- \* Asked Building Inspector Richmond if everyone in the city who has chickens is registered? Mr. Richmond said as far as he new.
- \* **DeWitt** - Reported the new pavement at the corner of Ruby Street and Garfield Street is crumbling. Public Works Director Stocklask said they were going to patch that intersection today but the rain didn't hold off.
- \* Asked if the water tanker trucks were being sold treated water or untreated water by the Water Department? Mayor Hendershot said he thinks the water is treated and metered. Councilperson DeWitt said the water increase was for nano filter replacement and doesn't feel it is fair to the citizens to sell treated water to these companies.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Allen Hendershot, Mayor