

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
APRIL 19, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on April 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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

**Regular Council Meeting of April 5, 2016.**

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a correction on page 3 line 12 should read, “4 yeas, 2 nays, 1 abstain. Simms and P. Haynes voting nay. Mayor Saunders abstaining. Motion carried”, not “Motion carried unanimously”. Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 5, 2016, as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor Dewitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

\* Carl Boso, 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street, said he is tired of the towing services coming to Moundsville and not paying for business license and B&O taxes. City Clerk Hewitt advised Mr. Boso that towing services pay B&O taxes and licenses in the municipality in which they are located.

\* Cindy Norris, 2000 Fourth Street, asked Mayor Saunders if he had appointed a committee to help draft the chicken & fowl ordinance? Mayor Saunders said he will form the committee this week and schedule a meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Murals in the City of Moundsville. (Second Reading)

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, CREATING**

ARTICLE 1391 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, PROVIDING FOR APPROVAL AND REGULATION OF MURALS IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood made a motion to approve the mural ordinance, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

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

\* Vice Mayor DeWitt requested a letter be sent to the owners of Long John Silvers concerning their empty building. Building Inspector Richmond said he has been in contact with the property owner and is sending them a letter of options for the building.

\* Councilperson D. Haynes asked Manager Hess if she found out anything concerning the “carry out fee” at local Gumby’s? Manager Hess said she was meeting with the manager of Gumby’s on Thursday. He would inform her at that time of the fee.

\* Councilperson Wood asked Manager Hess if she has been in contact with Carrie Staton concerning the Brownfields grant? She said she has not.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Discussion and Approval to Lay the Levy for the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget.**

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to lay the Levy for the 2016-2017 General Fund Budget, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Award of Bids Received for (2) 2006 Ford Crown Victoria’s; 2007 Ford Crown Victoria; 2003 Chevy S-10 Pickup; 1987 Massey Ferguson Tractor; and 2005 Massey Ferguson Tractor.**

Bids were received by two individuals for the following used vehicles. A-1 Auto Parts received the highest bid for a 2006 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$155.00; 2006 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$328.00; 2007 Ford Crown Victoria in the amount of \$328.00. Frank Smith received the highest bid for a 2003 Chevy S-10 Pickup in the amount of \$425.00; 1987 Massey Ferguson Tractor in the amount of \$1,000.00; and 2005 Massey Ferguson Tractor in the amount of \$2,000.00.

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to award the bids for the three (3) Ford Crown Victoria’s in the amount of \$811.00 to A-1 Auto Parts and award the bids for the Chevy S-10 and two (2)

Massey Ferguson Tractors in the amount of \$3,425.00 to Frank Smith, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

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

\* Councilperson Wood said that Mayor Saunders wants to continue sponsoring the Mayor's Association Meetings. Councilperson Wood scheduled a meeting for May 4, 2016, 12:00 p.m., at the Sleep Inn Motel with Gus Swaid, District 6 Engineer of the Department of Highways as Guest Speaker.

\* Councilperson Wood said he spoke with several individuals interested in supporting Student Government Day. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss this program on April 26, 2016, 10:00 a.m. at the Moundsville Middle School.

**MANAGER ITEMS:**

\* Business After Hours hosted by Sleep Inn Motel on April 28, 2016 from 5-7 p.m. Catered by Alexanders on 7<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in attending please call Marilyn.

\* Manager Hess received a letter from Jacqueline Wullenwebber commending the Sanitation Department workers who always make sure her cans are placed back onto her property.

\* Manager Hess announced that a donation in the amount of \$5,000 was giving to the Four Seasons Pool project by Columbia Pipeline.

**MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Saunders asked when the two condemned houses will be tore down? Manager said the project should start in a week.

\* Mayor Saunders asked Building Inspector Richmond if the owner of the 7<sup>th</sup> Street duplex has been working on the building? Mr. Richmond said they have.

\* Mayor Saunders received complaints of houses in 1100 block of Third Street in need of repair. Building Inspector Richmond said he was addressing the complaints.

\* Mayor Saunders reported that former Street Commissioner Richmond had undergone surgery but is out of the hospital and home recovering.

\* Mayor Saunders said he will be attending the Police Academy with Chief Mitchell for Zachary Muecheck's graduation.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

## Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Raises and Longevity/Incentive Pay for Employees. Committee recommends to increase employee raises from \$.75 per hour to \$1.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016. And direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance increasing employees longevity/incentive from 20 years of service to 25 years of service.

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to increase employees raises from \$.75 to \$1.00 per hour effective July 1, 2016, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice Mayor DeWitt made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance increasing employees longevity/incentive from 20 years of service to 25 years of service, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

## Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Increasing Bid Threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Committee recommends to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance authorizing the Water Board, Sanitary Board and Stormwater Board to increase bid threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion, changing the recommendation of increasing the bid threshold from \$10,000 to \$25,000 for the Water Board, Sanitary Board and Stormwater Board, to include the other city departments making the bid threshold city wide, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Proposed Ordinance Dealing with Delinquent Fees & Publishing Those Delinquencies. Committee recommends sending this ordinance to the Home Rule Board for their approval.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to present the ordinance pertaining to Delinquent Fees and Publishing those Delinquencies to the Home Rule Board, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

## COUNCIL ITEMS:

\* **Wood** - Received complaints of clothes thrown everywhere behind Goodwill near the walking trail. Manager Hess said she is addressing the problem.

\* Announced that Mayor Saunders received a prestigious award from the Lion's Club.

\* **DeWitt** - Nothing at this time.

\* **P. Haynes** - Said the hole was still in the fence at the Park View playground. And reported the Park employees did not open the gate in the morning at the playground.

\* **D. Haynes** - Ask that holes be filled on DiRemigio Drive.

\* Said he saw the pictures of the mess behind Goodwill and asked that Goodwill place locked bins behind their building. Manager Hess said she has approached them about the idea.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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Sondra J Hewitt, City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor