

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, JULY 5, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on July 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

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11 Mayor Saunders called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance:
12 DeWitt, Hendershot, Hunt, Remke, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: Haynes. Also
13 present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Public Works Director Stocklask, Fire Chief
14 Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent:
15 Building Inspector Richmond & CPA Kathryn Goddard.

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17 **Regular Council Meeting of June 21, 2017.**

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19 Councilperson Hendershot moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular
20 council meeting of June 21, 2017, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried
21 unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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25 * Mark Johnson, 109 Morton Avenue, suggested council change the fireworks ordinance
26 to allow citizens to display fireworks in the city for one day, July 4.

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28 Councilperson Hendershot said he was opposed to the suggestion saying the reason for
29 the ordinance was liability. The city would not be liable if fireworks landed on a roof top
30 and caught on fire.

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32 * Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, said he was told the city contracts an individual to cut the
33 grass at Valley Fork and the Riverfront Park when council told him last meeting that
34 Parks & Recreation Department cut the grass. He feels if the city can not take care of
35 cutting the grass at the city parks, how can they take care of an RV Park?

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37 Council informed Mr. Boso the contracted lawn maintenance comes out of the Parks &
38 Recreation budget.

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40 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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3 * Councilperson DeWitt asked for an update on the water fountain at the Riverfront Park.
4 Manager Hess said the Water Department and Sanitary Department are looking into the
5 reason the fountain is not working it might need an extension.
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7 * Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the problem properties on Grant Avenue &
8 Washington Avenue. Manager Hess said the Building Inspector has sent letters to the
9 property owners.
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11 * Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the RV Park. Manager Hess said she will
12 be meeting with the Health Department and City Engineer Jack Tush. She will inform
13 council at the sub committee meeting if there is any update.
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15 * Councilperson Wood asked for an update on painting the parking meters. Manager
16 Hess said notification letters were sent out but the groups have not responded.
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18 * Councilperson Wood said in reading the Sanitary Board minutes there is a controversy
19 in the disconnect and reconnect fees the Water Department is charging. The minutes
20 went on to say the Sanitary Board is asking for an opinion from the PSC.
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22 * Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the conversation she had with Marshall
23 County Superintendent Michael Hince concerning the proposed JM indoor pool.
24 Manager Hess said the proposed JM pool is not a priority, will not be open to the public
25 and could take up to 6-7 years to build. He suggested that Moundsville continue upgrades
26 to the Four Seasons pool.
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28 * Councilperson Remke commended the Fire Department on great job with Fireworks.
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30 * Councilperson Remke asked, referring to the report of delinquent Public Safety Fee and
31 other fees, if the city keeps delinquent accounts for any length of time.
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33 * Councilperson Hunt asked Manager Hess if Mr. Healy of Belomar has contacted her yet
34 concerning the application for the Land & Water Conservation grant? Manager Hess said
35 she met with Mr. Healy and will meet again next week. Paperwork will be completed
36 then.
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38 Councilperson Hunt made a motion to discuss at the finance committee the approval of
39 the 50% grant match for pool renovations, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion
40 carried unanimously.

1 * Councilperson Hunt attended the Parks & Recreation Board meeting where Mr.
2 Christie, the Civil Engineer from Bridgeport WV, was invited. Mr. Christie said the city
3 should have a master plan that does not set on a shelf. One of the things he suggested
4 evaluating the pool as a lap pool to decide whether or not it should be left a lap pool or
5 geared toward children. Another suggestion Mr. Christie said was to have larger goals
6 but work on two other smaller goals, so the public sees the city is working on something.
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8 Councilperson Hunts said she would like to discuss in finance committee the possibility
9 of hiring Mr. Christie as a consultant for the Parks & Recreation.
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11 * Manager Hess said in speaking the Mr. Healy, he mentioned a possibility the 3 city
12 bridges will be addressed.
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14 * Councilperson Hendershot asked that Manager Hess bring to the policy committee an
15 update on Phase II so they can move forward with the master plan.
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17 * Councilperson Hendershot was pleased the CVB was moving to the Mound Museum.
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19 * Councilperson Hendershot asked Manager Hess to look into the availability of the TIF
20 program fund. Suggested contacting the WV Municipal League to see if the city is
21 eligible. Council needs to look into marketing the city's future.
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23 * Councilperson Wood made a motion to discuss at policy committee the possibility of
24 hiring a consultant to devise a master plan and TIF program for the city, seconded by
25 Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.
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27 **NEW BUSINESS:**

28 **Re-Appointment to the Moundsville Water Board.**

29 Manager Hess received a letter from the Moundsville Water Board and signed by board
30 members James Stultz and Dennis Wallace expressing the re-appointment of David
31 Haynes to the Water Board.
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33 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to re-appoint David Haynes to the Moundsville
34 Water Board, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.
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36 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**

37 * Councilperson Remke said he doesn't feel the Moundsville CVB should relocate to the
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1 Mound Museum. He feels it would be better for them to stay on a heavily travel highway.
2 Councilperson Remke made a motion to sent a letter to the Moundsville CVB asking
3 them to stay in Glen Dale on Rt.2. Motion died for lack of a second.
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5 * Councilperson Remke asked if the City of Moundsville had generators for their wells in
6 case of power outage? He was informed they did.
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8 * Councilperson Remke asked for the cost & figures from the Water Department
9 installing water lines at the RV Park. Mayor Saunders said we are not sure if they are
10 participating in the installation.
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12 * Councilperson Wood said he listened to a Talk Show with John Gruzinskas who
13 mentioned a group of people that are possibly looking into developing through private
14 investment a Rec Center. Eric Tucker also mentioned the group is looking for some
15 available property. Mayor Saunders said he hopes they are interested in East End.
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17 Councilperson Wood asked that County Commissioner Gruzinskas, Eric Tucker, Jeff
18 Kessler and others to attend a council meeting to ask them what their intentions are.
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20 * Councilperson Wood said during a Parks & Recreation meeting, Board member Karen
21 Ali offered a WVU Intern to hold children's activities at East End after July 4, 2017.
22 Mayor Saunders said he hasn't heard from her yet on that matter.
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24 * Councilperson Wood announced that MEDC is interested in purchasing some property
25 close to the prison to use for parking.
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27 * Councilperson DeWitt informed Councilperson Remke the CVB is interested in moving
28 into the Museum. They have been trying to move to the museum for a couple of years.
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30 * Councilperson DeWitt received a complaint of speeders in the alley beside the old
31 Marshall Dairy.
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33 * Councilperson DeWitt reported the asphalt hooved up in the street between 2007 &
34 2009 Second Street that should be fixed. Public Works Director Stocklask said that item
35 is on his list to fix.
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37 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

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39 * Manager Hess announced an Open House Workshop, Thursday, July 13, 2017 from
40 5:00-6:30 PM at the Moundsville City Building Council Chambers to discuss the

1 Moundsville Zoning Ordinance Updates presented by Jared Anderson, WVU College of
2 Law-Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic. She urged all of council to
3 attend as well as the public.
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5 **MAYOR ITEMS:**
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7 * Mayor Saunders informed council of the Parks & Recreation Board granting permission
8 to a local business to sell ice cream at the girls & boys Valley Fork Ballfields. This
9 business has permits and licenses to sell in the city. She was approached by some
10 individuals that told her to leave the premises and called the police. In doing so, she
11 reported the incident to the City Manager. At this point the Police Department was made
12 aware this business has permission to sell at those locations. Also, Mr. Blake and Mr.
13 Henderson were notified.
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15 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**
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17 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**
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19 Finance committee will be on Thursday, July 11, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.
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21 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**
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23 Policy meeting will follow the finance meeting.
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25 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**
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27 Traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.
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29 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**
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31 * **Remke** - Asked if Manager Hess was planning on recognizing the volunteer
32 committees at the Community Day Event.
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34 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to go into an Executive Session for personnel
35 matters after the regular meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion
36 carried unanimously.
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38 * **Hunt** - Said she saw in the newspaper the Ohio County Commission was proposing a
39 Rec Center at the Highlands.
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1 * **Hendershot** - Said in reference to the Storage Buildings at the Sanitation property, he
2 feels the City Manager should bring the bids to council and if council feels they don't
3 meet spec or are too high, it should be council's decision to deny them. Attorney White
4 agreed with Councilperson Hendershot.

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6 * Commented on the children attractions at Olgebay Park swimming pool include a
7 climbing wall and inflatable obstacle course.

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9 * Asked Chief Mitchell if he thought it was necessary for the city to take over the cost of
10 a street light on a private garage since the owner has passed away? Chief Mitchell feels
11 the city should not.

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13 * Again, relating to Parks & Recreation said that Wheeling Park is permitting "soccer
14 golf" on the golf course. They use a large tub at each golf hole and try kicking the soccer
15 ball into the hole.

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17 * Said it is good to see Noel back at the meetings.

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19 * **Wood** - Mentioned Wheeling or Olgebay Park hold a "dive-in" by showing movies at
20 the pool.

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22 * **DeWitt** - Heard a lot of compliments on the fireworks.

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24 * Hoped that council could work through Phase I of Parks & Recreation before moving
25 forward with Phase II.

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27 * Suggested converting the kiddie pool into a splash pad, maybe more children will be
28 attracted.

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

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33 Meeting recessed at 8:16 p.m.

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35 Executive session started at 8:20 p.m.

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37 Executive session recessed at 8:25 p.m.

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39 Regular session reconvened at 8:26 p.m.

