

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE**
2 **AUGUST 22, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on August 22, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene L Saunders.

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9 Invocation was given by Vice Mayor David Wood.

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11 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in
12 attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Vice Mayor Wood, and Mayor Saunders. Absent
13 were Councilwoman Hunt and Councilman Hendershot. Also present were City
14 Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke, Public Works Working
15 Foreman Allman, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Goddard, and Attorney White.
16 Absent was City Clerk Hewitt, who is on vacation.

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18 **MINUTES:**

19 **Regular Council Meeting of August 8, 2017**

20 Councilman Haynes made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 8, 2017
21 Regular Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Remke and carried
22 unanimously.

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24 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

- 25 • Cindy Norris of 2000 4th Street questioned whether the recent decision to dissolve
26 the Parks and Recreation Board was motivated by prospective revenue from the
27 impending RV park, as has been rumored. The City Recreation Department will
28 receive 100% of the first year's revenue from the RV park; and Council is hopeful
29 the Recreation Department, under supervision from the City Manager, will use
30 these funds to develop programs and projects to promote Four Seasons Pool, as
31 well as the department as a whole. It was noted that attendance, especially at this
32 year's Parks and Recreation Board meetings, has been lacking.
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- 34 • Karen Ali of 4 Four Sisters Court, a member of the Parks and Recreation Board,
35 mentioned that she tried to get summer programs through West Virginia
36 University; however, the request was made too late this year. Mrs. Ali believes it
37 is a "big mistake" to abolish the Board. Referring to the last P&R Board minutes,
38 Councilman Remke broached discussion on why local swim teams are not
39 charged the same amount to use Four Seasons Pool. It was explained that some
40 teams are smaller and use the Pool less often; and, when John Marshall High

1 School's team practices, the Pool remains closed to the public. On a side note, the
2 Pool pump is working but not totally repaired. Discussion was held on Recreation
3 Director Marc Baker's payment of the lease fee, for the Moundsville Boys
4 Baseball Association, so that the annual Beast of the East tournament could be
5 held. The Baseball Association receives all revenue from the annual Beast
6 tournament; however, this year, the Association refused to cooperate by signing
7 the Lease Agreement.

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9 • Jane Klug of 2015 Jackson Street is Chairwoman of the Friends of Moundsville
10 Parks and Recreation Inc. Ms Klug is of the opinion that the City Recreation
11 Department is not a money-making venture, but a service provided to the citizens.
12 Ms Klug asked who will volunteer at events, such as the annual Daddy/Daughter
13 Dance, if the Recreation Board is abolished? Ms Klug informed that the "Friends"
14 Board, classified as an IRS 501(c)(3) organization, is venturing with the Brad
15 Paisley Foundation on a matching challenge, via a Go Fund Me page, for repair
16 and maintenance of Four Seasons Pool. Ms Klug encouraged those present to
17 make a donation, and share this message with family and friends.

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19 • Noel Clarke of 214 Poplar Avenue reminded those present that the Recreation
20 Department, as with most City Departments, will never be self-sustaining, no
21 matter how much fees are. Mr. Clarke is of the opinion that City Council needs to
22 work with the Recreation Director and the City Manager, who should have
23 complete control over how the Department is run and how funds are spent. Too
24 many opinions only make decisions more difficult and drag out circumstances that
25 should just be taken care of. Mr. Clarke pleaded with Council to practice smart
26 government, make hard decisions, and allow the City Manager to do what needs
27 to be done.

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29 • H Carl Boso Jr of 305 10th Street reminded Council members that children will
30 one day grow up to run the City, and children should be appreciated for how
31 precious they are. Also, Mr. Boso promises to "go against" all of those who voted
32 for the RV park.

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34 **OLD BUSINESS:**

35 **A. Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Repeal Article 153: Cultural &**
36 **Recreation Commission (Second Reading)**

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38 Attorney White read the Ordinance by Title only:

39 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
40 **WEST VIRGINIA, ABOLISHING THE CULTURAL AND RECREATION**

1 **COMMISSION (SECOND AND FINAL READING)**

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3 Councilman Remke made a motion to approve the Ordinance on second and final
4 reading. Motion was seconded by Councilman Haynes. Mayor Saunders called for a
5 roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the following tally: five yeas.
6 Motion carried unanimously.

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

9 * Councilman Remke asked whether there are different grades of blacktop? He noticed
10 the blacktop around Ohio Valley Medical Center appears to be smoother and wears
11 better.

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13 * Councilman Remke asked about status of 208 and 214 Washington Avenue, which are
14 still being addressed.

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16 * Councilman Remke asked if the Public Hearings, on the Zoning Ordinance, have been
17 set. Inspector Richmond is corresponding with Jared Anderson of the WVU College of
18 Law to find a suitable date.

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20 * Councilman Remke is concerned about how a billboard, to be installed on Route 2,
21 will affect the residents of nearby apartments. Inspector Richmond is working with the
22 installers.

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24 * Councilman Remke was confused about the Fire and Police Pension Funds and why
25 some active employees are not listed. There are two different pension funds: one is
26 funded by the City, and new hires are enrolled in the State Retirement System.

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28 * Councilman Haynes thanked Inspector Richmond for his assistance with the property
29 on 2nd Street.

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31 * Vice Mayor Wood asked why the small pool at Four Seasons is not in use. It is
32 severely deteriorated and outdated. Director Baker intends to repair and open the small
33 pool for next season.

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35 * Vice Mayor Wood asked about the paving projects, which should begin in the next
36 week or two.

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38 * Vice Mayor Wood asked about progress on the RV park. Manager Hess has quotes
39 for electrical work to be done for the 25 spots, which are already laid out.

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1 * Vice Mayor Wood asked about the Recreation Budget for last month. CPA Goddard
2 reported the Parks and Pool expenditures exceeded revenues by approximately
3 \$26,000.00 for the first month of Fiscal Year 2018.

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5 * Vice Mayor Wood asked about the 1% Sales Tax for July 2017. Figures will not be
6 available until October.

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8 * Councilwoman Dewitt asked if the road behind Auto Zone has been addressed;
9 Manager Hess made several calls, but no response has been received. Inspector
10 Richmond explained that WalMart got permission to install a speed bump, in order to
11 divert water away from the hillside adjoining WalMart Drive.

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13 * Councilwoman Dewitt wondered if the Department of Highways, while working on
14 the Jefferson Avenue Extension project, has considered the weight limit of the bridge at
15 the bottom of the Extension. Nothing was discussed at the BelOMar meetings, except
16 that work won't begin until 2018.

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18 **NEW BUSINESS:**

19 **A) Discussion and Adoption of an Ordinance to Repeal Article 158: Board of**
20 **Parks & Recreation Commissioners (First Reading)**

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22 Attorney White read the Ordinance by Title only:

23 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
24 **WEST VIRGINIA, ABOLISHING THE BOARD OF PARKS AND**
25 **RECREATION COMMISSIONERS AND CREATING IN ITS PLACE A BODY**
26 **TO BE KNOWN AS THE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD, WHICH**
27 **SHALL BE AN ADVISORY BODY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF**
28 **MOUNDSVILLE (FIRST READING)**

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30 Councilman Haynes made a motion to approve the ordinance, which was seconded by
31 Councilman Remke. Mayor Saunders called for a roll call vote, to which Acting Clerk
32 Ankrom announced the following tally: four yeas, one nay; Mayor Saunders voting nay.
33 Motion carried.

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35 **B) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Repealing Section Pertaining to the**
36 **Vacant Registration Fee and Revising the Section Pertaining to Uninhabitable**
37 **Structures (First Reading)**

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39 Attorney White corrected that the motion should be for Council to direct the City
40 Attorney to draft the Ordinance making those changes.

1 Vice Mayor Wood made a motion, directing Attorney White to draft the Ordinance
2 Repealing Section Pertaining to the Vacant Registration Fee and Revising the Section
3 Pertaining to Uninhabitable Structures. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman
4 Dewitt. Inspector Richmond is agreeable that this change will keep the City in
5 compliance with State Code and alleviate some confusion. Motion carried unanimously.
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7 **Other Items be Discussed by Council**

8 * Vice Mayor Wood opined whether the new Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will
9 require a secretary, and should a non-voting liaison be included?
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11 * Vice Mayor Wood wants to discuss, at the September Finance Committee meeting,
12 reimbursing Recreation Director Baker the \$250.00 he paid for Baseball Association's
13 lease agreement fee, which was paid so the annual Beast of the East tournament could
14 continue.
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16 * Councilman Remke made a motion, to discuss at the September Policy Committee,
17 allowing only the City Manager to sign lease agreements. Motion was seconded by
18 Vice Mayor Wood and carried unanimously.
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20 * Councilman Remke, referring to the August 10, 2017 Planning Commission minutes,
21 wants to discuss housing limitations at the Policy Committee. Inspector Richmond has
22 already looked into the Codes pertaining to "tiny houses."
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24 * Councilman Remke made a motion, to discuss at the Policy Committee, regulations
25 pertaining to vacant structures and hoarding/storage situations. Motion died for the lack
26 of a second.
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28 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

29 • Manager Hess reminded Council members about the Business After Hours on August
30 24, 2017, beginning at 5:00 at the Mound Museum. Peggy's Posies and the Marshall
31 County Commission are co-hosting the event. Anyone interested in going should
32 contact Secretary Kaufman tomorrow.
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34 • Manager Hess noted that Craig White, on behalf of the Greater Moundville
35 Convention & Visitors Bureau, will be in attendance at the September 5, 2017
36 Council meeting to discuss the CVB financial statements.
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38 • Manager Hess reminded everyone that Moundville's 2nd Annual Community Day
39 will be held this Saturday. The weather should be favorable and volunteers are
40 needed. Set up will begin around 9:00 or 9:30 am. All of the City Committee and

1 Commission members were sent a letter and will be recognized during Community
2 Day. Public Works Director Stocklask is making a banner to recognize donors.
3 More than \$3,000.00 was donated by local businesses, of which about \$2,000.00
4 remains to pay expenses.

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6 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

- 7 • Mayor Saunders was on WTRF Channel 7 news today, speaking about Community
8 Day, next month's Kickball Tournament, and the Brad Paisley Foundation matching
9 grant.
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11 • Mayor Saunders asked Inspector Richmond about the Tomlinson Avenue house,
12 which is to be torn down. The owner is again out of contact.
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14 • Mayor Saunders thanked Foreman Allman for all of the “good work” being done on
15 City streets!

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17 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

18 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee***

19 Vice Mayor Wood informed that the July 2017 financial statements were presented.
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21 Vice Mayor Wood noted the City Manager has contacted the Cohen Law Firm about
22 attending a meeting to discuss a prospective cable franchise revenue audit.
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24 Vice Mayor Wood reminded CPA Goddard to look into the past year's tipping fees for
25 recycling.
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27 **Discussion of Request for Donation to Faith in Action. Committee recommends to**
28 **donate \$50.00 to the Faith in Action Caregivers Inc.**

29 Vice Mayor Wood presented a motion to donate \$50.00 for the Faith in Action Disc
30 Golf Tournament on August 26, 2017. Motion was seconded by Councilman Remke
31 and carried unanimously.
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33 **Discussion of Request for Donation to Sons of American Legion Moundsville Post**
34 **3. Committee recommends donating \$50.00 to the Sons of American Legion**
35 **Moundsville Post 3.**

36 Vice Mayor Wood made the motion to donate \$50.00 to the Sons of the American
37 Legion Moundsville Post 3 Golf Scramble on September 8, 2017. Motion was seconded
38 by Councilman Haynes and carried unanimously.
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40 **Discussion of Request for Donation to Elizabethtown Festival Car Show.**

1 **Committee recommends \$30.00 for Manager's Choice and \$30.00 for Mayor's**
2 **Choice.**

3 Vice Mayor Wood presented a motion to donate \$30.00 each for a Manager's Choice
4 and Mayor's Choice Awards at the Elizabethtown Car Show on September 16, 2017.
5 Councilwoman Dewitt seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
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7 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee***

8 Councilman Haynes noted that he called the August 15, 2017 Policy Committee meeting
9 to order, not Councilwoman Dewitt.
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11 Councilman Haynes noted that discussion was held on revisions to the Vacant and
12 Dilapidated Building Ordinance.
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14 Councilman Haynes stated the Committee took no action on discussion of the Design
15 Standards Manual from the Historic Landmarks Commission.
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17 Councilman Haynes noted the repeal of Article 158 Parks & Recreation Board has
18 already been taken care of.
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20 Councilman Haynes reminded that discussion of Council goals was tabled until
21 September 2017 Committee.
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23 ***Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee***

24 The Traffic Committee had no issues to discuss. However, Inspector Richmond did
25 present information on a sign issue, which meets zoning ordinance requirements and
26 doesn't need approval from the Planning Commission.
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28 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

29 * **Remke** – Asked about progress on a prospective recreational center at East End. Vice
30 Mayor Wood is arranging a meeting.
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32 * Asked if Jim Christie has made contact; Manager Hess is waiting for a proposal.
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34 * Commented that the painting on the side of the Police Department building looks
35 “fantastic!” More paint is needed to finish.
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37 * Invited everyone to Community Day this Saturday.
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39 * Councilman Remke made a motion to receive and file legal ads from Attorney White:
40 Sealed bids for the construction of two pole buildings (April 3-4-5, *Intelligencer*)

1 Sealed bids for construction of pole building (August 7, *Echo*)
2 Planning Commission Public Hearing for 1810 7th Street
3 Sealed bids for permanent street improvements
4 Civil Action 17-CITY-00153

5 Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Dewitt and carried unanimously.
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7 * **DeWitt** – Asked about the grass at the Fostoria property, which Manager Hess has
8 made contact about.
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10 * Asked about the Dog Waste Signs, which were very much needed. The Sanitary
11 Board has been putting those up.
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13 * **Wood** – Thanked Manager Hess for getting donations to help with Community Day,
14 which he is looking forward to.
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16 * Asked about the Parking Meter Attendant position. Applications were due by Friday,
17 August 18, 2017.
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19 * **Haynes** – Mentioned having a meeting to discuss designation of the 1% Municipal
20 Sales Tax.
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22 Councilman Haynes made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilman
23 Remke. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.
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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

Eugene L Saunders, Mayor