

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
JANUARY 16, 2007**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council Chambers on January 16, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

City Clerk called the roll and the following council persons were in attendance: Cunningham, DiRemigio, Haynes, Vice Mayor Lemasters, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Also present: City Manager Hendershot, Police Chief Kudlak, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Vickers, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Thomas Dobbs and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of January 2, 2007.

Mayor Wallace requested changes be made on every line that indicates "Mayor" Wallace to "Councilperson" Wallace because he was not sworn in as mayor at the time.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 2, 2007, as amended, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Cara Gray of the Moundsville Business and Cultural District (MBCD) appeared before council to answer any questions concerning the request to assist with funding from the City of Moundsville.

MANAGER ITEMS:

Presentation of Fire Pension Analysis Year End Review.

Manager Hendershot presented the Fire Pension Analysis year end review to council members.

Scheduling of Engineer Interviews for Improvements on Municipal Facilities.

Council members agreed to schedule interviews on January 30, 2007 starting at 5:00 p.m. Interviews may last for approximately 45 minutes. The interviews will be advertised and open to the public.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wallace wished to welcome Troop 79 and their leader Glen Robinson to the council meeting.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Discussion and Approval of a Request to Assist with Funding for the Moundsville Business and Cultural District.

Vice Mayor Lemasters made a motion to approve the request of \$3750 from the current budget to the Moundsville Business & Cultural District and request \$7500 in the budget for 2007-2008, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Discussion and Approval of Reserve Parking at the Cornerstone Church at First & Poplar Avenue.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the request for reserve parking at the Cornerstone Church at First & Poplar Avenue, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Right Turn Lane at Fifth Street & Lafayette Avenue.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the request for a right turn lane at Fifth Street & Lafayette Avenue, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Direct the City Attorney to Draft an Amendment to the Charter to Move Mayoral Election to December of Each Year. Also, Draft Change to Section 121.04 of the City Code.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an amendment to the Charter to move the mayoral election to December of each year and to section 121.04 of the City Code, seconded by Councilperson Simms for discussion.

After some discussion, Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to amend the motion to elect a mayor in January. Motion died for lack of a second.

Councilperson Wood moved to amend his original motion to read election of mayor and vice mayor, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wallace called for a roll call vote. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Cunningham, DiRemigio and Simms voting nay. Motion carried.

Direct the City Attorney to Develop a Policy Dealing with Computer/Internet Use.

Mayor Wallace made the motion to direct the City Attorney to develop a policy dealing with Computer/Internet Use, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Direct the City Attorney to Develop a Policy to Create a City Wide Standardized Hygiene and Grooming Ordinance.

Mayor Wallace made a motion to direct the City Attorney to develop a policy to create a City wide Standardized Hygiene and Grooming ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Lemasters. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed.

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

1. (2) Sealed Bids for Construction of a Sidewalk on Jefferson Extension
2. Petition for a Zoning Variance at 1801 Second Street

Councilperson DiRemigio made a motion to receive and file the publications, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Cunningham** - Nothing at this time.

* **Simms** - Asked Manager Hendershot if the request from McNinch School going to be placed on the next Traffic agenda. (The School Board is asking for an access from Thorn Avenue to the NcNinch parking lot.) Manager Hendershot affirmed the request on the next Traffic agenda.

* Commended Hugh Anderson for his “write-ups” in the Echo of the Moundsville Council Meetings and Marshall County School Board meetings.

* **Wood** - Welcome to Wayne Lemasters as Vice Mayor and Congratulated Dennis Wallace on his appointment to Mayor. Also, thanked Ralph DiRemigio for time serving as Vice Mayor.

* **Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

* **Lemasters** - Welcome Jack Cunningham to council.

* Noticed that Comcast Cable will be attaching another increase on cable service.

* **DiRemigio** - A detour during the closing of the tunnels in Wheeling has directed some traffic across the Moundsville bridge. Asked that Manager Hendershot place more signs in the area.

* Asked Manager Hendershot to look into the ISO ratings of the city. The city's rating has dropped from a 6 to a 5 and hopes to drop from a 5 to a 4. Millions of dollars would be saved for citizens in the community if the ISO rating would fall to a 4.

* Suggested sending letters to the US Speaker of the House, Congressman Mollahan, and Senators Byrd and Rockefeller, WV Governor Manchin, Delegates Varner and Tucker, and Senators Kessler and Edgell concerning premiums for health care and prescription drug care and signed by Council members.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis Wallace, Mayor