

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, SEPTEMBER 1, 2020**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in Regular Session in the Council
5 Chambers on September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

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9 Invocation by Vice Mayor Judy Hunt.

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11 City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in
12 attendance: DeWitt, Hickman, Hunt, Remke, Saunders, S. Wood and Mayor
13 David Wood. Also present were City Manager Healy, Police Chief Mitchell,
14 Attorney White and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Finance Director Ankrom.
15 Meeting was live stream on Zoom.

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17 **MINUTES:**

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19 **Regular Council Meeting of August 18, 2020.**

20 Councilwoman S. Wood moved to approve the minutes of the regular council
21 meeting of August 18, 2020, seconded by Councilman Remke. Motion carried
22 unanimously.

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24 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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26 * Jennifer Hess Norris, 60 N Highland Avenue, asked council to consider
27 abandoning the alley between 58 & 60 N Highland Avenue. Manager Healy
28 instructed Mrs. Norris to see the City Clerk in order to file the necessary
29 paperwork for the request.

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31 * Okey Burton, 70 Highland Avenue, said he would oppose any request to close
32 the alley.

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34 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

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36 City Manager Healy provided the following report to council:

37 1. This past Saturday, I was present, along with Vice-Mayor Hunt and
38 Councilman Saunders at the ribbon cutting for Bonar Boutique, located in the old
39 Elby's Plaza. Congratulations to them and we are happy to have another new
40 business in town.

- 1 2. Update on the new Municipal Building – we met with McKinley on Thursday,
2 August 27, and received preliminary concept floor plans. The main point of
3 discussion revolved around the fact that to get the building the size that we need,
4 some demolition of the existing building will need to occur. At the very least, the
5 Fire Department may need to be relocated to allow this. There was also much
6 discussion on the drive through option in the building, which I think is a great
7 option for our citizens.
- 8 3. We have received two more checks from the State of West Virginia for
9 reimbursement that I submitted through the CARES Act. These checks were for
10 June and July, and total \$281,994.68. This brings our total received to
11 \$663,980.90.
- 12 4. I received the resignation of Firefighter Brady Clarke last week. Mr. Clarke has
13 been offered a position in the emergency medical field elsewhere. We will be
14 advertising and testing for another firefighter soon.
- 15 5. I arranged a meeting last week with the Superintendents Stocklask and Bonar,
16 Working Foreman Kevin Wallace, Ed Martin from the West Virginia Conservation
17 Agency, and myself to look at the bank erosion in Parr’s Run that has created the
18 road closure of Mulberry Avenue. Mr. Martin clarified that the City does have
19 authorization to West Virginia Code 7-1-3u to clear streams as needed to protect
20 people and property from floods. Our staff will remove some impediments in that
21 stream first. Further, they have offered to assist us with the permitting process to
22 install a concrete stacking wall that will allow the backfilling and road build up and
23 will divert the stream back towards its original path. This is another example of my
24 desire to have departments and agencies working together to correct problems.
- 25 6. Please continue to patronize the local establishments and shops as they continue
26 to struggle from the effects of COVID-19.

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28 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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- * Councilwoman S. Wood reminded everyone of Movie Night, September 12, 2020 at the Valley Fork Baseball Field parking lot. Free popcorn & candy. Lot opens at 7:30 p.m.
- * Councilman Saunders asked when paving projects will start? Manager Healy said in approximately 2 weeks.
- * Councilman Saunders commended everyone involved in the removal of dogs from a house on Penn Street.
- * Councilman Saunders reported trees need removed at Park View playground.
- * Councilwoman Hunt commented on the proposed city building saying she feels a drive up window will benefit the citizens of Moundsville.

1 * Councilman Remke asked if the City Manager knew when the fence at the
2 Volunteer Fire Department campground will be installed? Manager Healy said he
3 figures the fence will be installed after the campground is built.

4 * Councilman Remke said he was told about dead trees at Park View also.

5 * Councilwoman DeWitt apologized for missing the last meeting due to the
6 passing of her father.

7 * Councilwoman DeWitt said she was pleased with the paving list.

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9 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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11 **Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Compensation for**
12 **Secretaries of Certain Boards & Commissions. (First Reading)**

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14 Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council
15 on first reading:

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17 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**
18 **WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING SECTION 121.06 OF THE CITY CODE TO**
19 **PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF SECRETARIES FOR CERTAIN BOARDS**
20 **AND COMMISSIONS OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE. (FIRST**
21 **READING)**

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23 Councilman Saunders moved to approve the above ordinance, seconded by
24 Councilwoman Hunt. Mayor D. Wood called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt
25 announced the following tally. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

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

28 * Councilman Saunders moved to discuss installing a stop sign in the intersection of
29 the alley behind 1400 Tenth Street at a traffic meeting, seconded by Councilwoman
30 Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

31 * Councilman Saunders moved to discuss installing a mirror at the intersection of
32 Grant Avenue & 7th Street at a traffic meeting, seconded by Councilwoman
33 Hickman. Motion carried unanimously.

34 * Councilman Remke moved to discuss compensation in the amount of \$50 for
35 members of boards and commissions at a policy meeting, seconded by
36 Councilwoman S. Wood for discussion. Mayor D. Wood called for a voice vote. 3
37 yeas, 4 nays. Hickman, Remke and S. Wood voting yea. Motion failed.

38 * Councilman Remke reported the street needing repaired on Court Avenue between
39 6th & 7th Street. Water is washing out asphalt.

40 * Councilman Remke moved to discuss consolidating all municipal billing at a

1 policy meeting, seconded by Councilwoman S. Wood for discussion. Manager
2 Healy explained the Sanitary Board's discussions. Councilwoman DeWitt said she
3 feels citizens will not be able to break their bills into payment if the city consolidates
4 them. Mayor D. Wood called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the
5 following tally. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Saunders voting nay. Motion carried.

6 * Councilman Remke requested the Building Inspectors look at the property behind
7 Home Towne Florist. He said squatters are in there and is afraid it's going to catch
8 on fire.

9 * Councilman Remke asked if Manager Healy decided holding municipal court 4
10 times per week? He said it has been discussed to hold court an extra day to hear
11 nuisance property cases. But nothing has been decided.

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13 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

14 * Mayor D. Wood said the WV Municipal League Conference online has been taken
15 care of.

16 * Mayor D. Wood asked for update on the neighborhood concerns at the East End
17 playground and shelter area. Manager Healy said he spoke with Chief Mitchell, who
18 has increased patrols in the area and the city has requested another street light on
19 Jackson Street.

20 * Mayor D. Wood announced movie night on September 12, 2020 at Valley Fork
21 Baseball Fields. The Arts & Culture is in need of volunteers.

22 * Mayor D. Wood attended another meeting with McKinley to discuss the new city
23 building.

24 * Mayor D. Wood asked Councilman Remke to update council on the Soap Box
25 Derby. Councilman Remke announced the Soap Box Derby will be in May of 2021,
26 rain date is June 12. There is approximately 17-18 special needs children that will
27 be passengers in the derby cars. This event will take place in Glen Dale.

28 * Mayor D. Wood presented a Thank You card from Councilwoman DeWitt who
29 recently lost her father. Councilman Remke moved to receive and file the card,
30 seconded by Councilwoman Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

31 * Mayor D. Wood moved to discuss at the policy meeting details of conducting a
32 Candidate Forum to exchange ideas and views from council candidates, seconded
33 by Councilman Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

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35 **COMMITTEE ITEMS:**

36 The Finance Committee will be held on September 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The Traffic
37 Committee will follow the finance meeting and the policy meeting will follow the
38 traffic meeting.

1 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

2 * **S. Wood** – Nothing at this time.

3 * **Hunt** – Announced Employee Recognition Committee will provide pizza on
4 Friday, September 4, 2020. Pizza will be sent to all departments to express council’s
5 appreciation for them.

6 * Apologized for not attending the last council meeting, she was on vacation.
7 However, she said in discussing the splash pool, it should be for all children, with
8 and without disabilities. City Council is looking at all the options that are feasible
9 for the budget.

10 * **DeWitt** – Nothing at this time.

11 * **Hickman** – Nothing at this time.

12 * **Remke** – Nothing at this time.

13 * **Saunders** – Said he does not feel the splash pool should be an indoor facility and
14 that council should think of all children when agreeing on the design.

15 * Announced the Sanford Center Board of Directors would like to speak with council
16 concerning renewal of the lease agreement.

17 * **Remke** – Appreciates everyone’s comments on the splash pad but feels the design
18 should be indoor for year round use.

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20 Councilman Remke moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman DeWitt. Motion
21 carried unanimously.

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23 Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.
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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor