

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
AUGUST 20, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on August 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Remke, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Sgt. Kosek, Street Foreman Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of August 5, 2013.

Councilperson P Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of August 5, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Recognition:

Mayor Saunders and council recognized Boy Scouts Troop #78.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Sue Daugherty, 2005 Jackson Street, complained of a tree in the paper alley behind her house. Mrs. Daugherty said she has reported the tree for 15 months and nothing has been done.

Mayor Saunders reported the City Manager is waiting on bids to cut the tree.

* Chris Lavenski, 1110 6th Street, presented pictures of Seventh Street between Myrtle Avenue and Magnolia Avenue where a house is partially tore down, weeds have grown on the bank along 7th Street, Myrtle Avenue & Magnolia Avenue. She reported that her mother's vehicle was hit last year three different times due to the weeds going onto 7th Street and traffic trying to avoid the weeds.

* Tom Doyle, 103 Cherokee Drive, asked if the City Manager found who owned the property along the road at Walmart. Manager Hess advised that Walmart owns the property and will try to correct the problem. They will also take care of the debris along the street.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance to Redevelop the Moundsville Historic Landmark Commission. (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, RE-CREATING AND RE-ESTABLISHING A HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS COMPOSITION, AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Simms moved to approve the Historic Landmarks Commission ordinance, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Mayor Saunders, Wood, Simms, Remke, P. Haynes, D. Haynes and DeWitt voting yea. 7yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked if there has been any agreement between the Sanitary Board and the WV DOH concerning the re-paving of Jefferson Avenue. Manager Hess reported there was still no agreement.

* Councilperson Remke requested officers enforce the ordinance pertaining to riding bicycles on the sidewalk.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Article 1107 Registration of Vacant Buildings. (First Reading)

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING ARTICLE 1107 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE TO PROVIDE FOR REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS AND UNINHABITABLE BUILDINGS, FEES, COLLECTION METHODS, LIENS AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood moved to approve the Vacant Building Registration ordinance, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Wood, Simms, Remke, P. Haynes, D. Haynes, DeWitt and Mayor Saunders voting yea. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of a Resolution Authorizing the City of Moundsville to Enter into a Pipeline Easement and Right of Way Agreement with Williams Ohio Valley Midstream.

Councilperson Wood moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Agreement with Williams Ohio Valley Midstream, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Simms, Remke, P. Haynes, D. Haynes, DeWitt, Mayor Saunders and Wood. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson D. Haynes requested discussion at the policy committee of sidewalk repair before a property is sold.

* Councilperson D. Haynes also requested discussion at the policy committee to educate a city employee on inspection of paving and patching the city streets. Education is provided by the State of West Virginia.

Councilperson Haynes moved to discuss sidewalk repair and paving education at the policy committee meeting, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke asked for more signs concerning the truck route.

* Councilperson Remke requested Street Department to replace the street locator sign on Henrietta at 9th Street (East Ninth Street).

* Councilperson Remke made a motion to send to the Traffic Committee a request to install a four way stop at 7th & Poplar Avenue, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke discussed attending the County Commission meeting concerning annexing property above Cherokee Hills for future housing.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess announced the Water Department Office has moved to the City Building.

* Manager Hess read a letter from Jay Wallace of the Department of Highway concerning a request by Councilperson DeWitt for a turn lane at 7th & Lafayette Avenue. Mr. Wallace stated the turn lane was not feasible because turn lanes are reserved for heavier traffic areas.

* Business After Hours is scheduled for Thursday, August 22, 2013 from 5-6:30 p.m. at GrandVue Park Shelter #2.

Legal Advertisements.

Attorney White presented a legal advertisement published in the Moundsville Daily Echo concerning second reading the Historic Landmark Commission ordinance.

Councilperson Simms moved to receive and file the publication, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders reported attending the Home Rule seminar while at the Municipal League Conference. He hopes that council will proceed with applying for Home Rule before January 1, 2014.

* Mayor Saunders announced the Four Seasons Pool weight room received work-out equipment.

* Also, an automatic chlorinator will be installed for the pool.

* Cleaning is still in progress at Valley Fork Park. The walking trail is officially open.

* Commended the Street Department for keeping the Riverfront walking trail trimmed and clear.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Resolution Pertaining to Christopher Remke Funds. Commission recommends closing account and return remaining funds to Remke family.

Councilperson Wood moved to close account and return funds to Remke family, seconded by Councilperson Simms. 6 yeas, 1 abstain. Remke abstaining. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Placing Murals in Uptown Business District. Committee recommends UMAC work with City Manager once funds are obtained with city crews to assist with installation.

Attorney White advised a motion was not needed for this recommendation.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

No recommendations at this time.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **P. Haynes** - Asked why curb painting was not in the First Ward area this summer? Street Foreman Stocklask will check as to where the painting was done.

* **DeWitt** - Thanked Fire Chief Clarke and Assistant Fire Chief Walker for CPR Training for Marshall County School Personnel.

* **Remke** - Wished to thank everyone helping with the Ohio Valley Cost of Freedom Event, August 24, 2013 on Jefferson Avenue.

* Commended Councilperson D. Haynes for the great job in remodeling the Water Office.

* **Wood** - Commended Councilperson Remke on his radio advertisement for Cost of Freedom event.

* Condolences to Mark and the Simms family on the loss of their mother.

* **Simms** - Thank everyone who attended mothers funeral the attendance was greatly appreciated.

* **D. Haynes** - Announced the opening of a new pizza shop on Elm Avenue.

Councilperson D. Haynes moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor