

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 15, 2012**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Wallace.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Remke, Saunders, Simms, Wood and Mayor Wallace. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Fire Chief Clarke, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Schneider, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of May 1, 2012.

Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 1, 2012, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Presentation by Mark Stewart of the WV State Fire Marshal's Office to the Moundsville Fire Department.

Mark Stewart of the WV State Fire Marshal's Office presented a Certificate of Verification to Chief Clarke and his staff verifying they have are a certified Fire Department through the State of West Virginia.

* Richard King, Uniquely Yours, spoke to council on behalf of the Moundsville Activities Committee, asking for council to consider closing Jefferson Avenue from Fifth Street to Tenth Street for the Freedom Wall. He noted that Jefferson Avenue at the intersections will remain open for traffic traveling east & west. Mr. King also informed council of military displays and recruits that will be on Jefferson Avenue.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to a Zone Change for 107 Thirteenth Street. (Second Reading)

Attorney White read the following zone change ordinance by title only to be passed by council on second and final reading:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA ON THIRTEENTH STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE FROM A CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONE AND A NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE TO A HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AND INTEGRATED COMMERCIAL CENTER ZONE. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Wood made a motion to accept and approve the zone change ordinance for 107 Thirteenth Street, seconded by Councilperson Simms.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Simms, Saunders, Remke, Haynes and Wood voting yea. DeWitt, Mayor Wallace voting nay. 5 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Wood asked for an update on the demolition of 17 Hickory Avenue. Fire Chief Clarke advised that the demolition company ran into some problems at their last job and they should be starting the demolition in the next three days.

* Councilperson Saunders reported the road behind the Wood Fitness Center has been patched but the weeds along the road need cut. City Manager Hess will contact the owner.

* Councilperson Saunders asked for an update on 211 Olive Avenue. Building Inspector Schneider spoke to owner who advised he will be putting a new roof on the house and doing other repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Projecting Signs in the City of Moundsville. (First Reading)

Attorney White read the following sign 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 THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, PROVIDING FOR PROJECTING SIGNS IN DESIGNATED BUSINESS DISTRICT ZONES AND PROVIDING REGULATIONS FOR THE SAME. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Wood made a motion to accept and approve the sign ordinance, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Saunders, Haynes, DeWitt, Mayor Wallace and Wood voting yea. Remke, Simms voting nay. 5 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

Discussion and Approval a Zone Change Ordinance for 1417-1423 Pearl Street & 1427-1435 Pearl Street. (First Reading)

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, PROVIDING TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA ON PEARL STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE FROM A MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT ZONE TO A SPECIAL EVENT ZONE. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to accept and approve the zoning ordinance, seconded by Mayor Wallace.

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

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

- * Councilperson Wood Congratulated Fire Chief Clarke and his staff on their certification.
- * Councilperson Wood presented fellow council members with information on creating a more effective, collaborative council and developing goals for the City of Moundsville.
- * Councilperson DeWitt reported seeing renovations at Ken Blake Photography building.

COMMITTEE ITEMS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion & Consideration of RV Park at the Riverfront Park. Committee recommends moving forward with RV Park.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to move forward with the RV Park at the Riverfront Park, seconded by Councilperson Haynes.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Haynes,

Mayor Wallace, Simms and Remke voting yea. DeWitt, Wood and Saunders voting nay. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Motion carried.

2. Discussion & Consideration of Purchasing Tasers for Police Department. Committee recommends purchasing tasers.

Councilperson Saunders made a motion to purchase three tasers for the Police Department, seconded by Councilperson Haynes.

Mayor Wallace called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. DeWitt, Mayor Wallace, Wood, Saunders, Remke and Haynes voting yea. Simms voting nay. 6 yeas, 1 nay. Motion carried.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

1. Discussion of opening Washington Avenue between Eighth Street & Eleventh Street. Committee recommends to approve opening Washington Avenue.

Councilperson Simms moved to open Washington Avenue between Eighth Street & Eleventh Street, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of 2012 Farmers' Market Regulations. Committee recommends approving Farmers Market on Wednesdays from May to September starting May 23, 2012.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the Farmers Market, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Discussion of Parking Pertaining to Street Sweeper. Committee recommends installing signs on Tomlinson Avenue between 10th & 11th Streets to indicate parking while street sweeper is running.

Councilperson DeWitt moved to install signs. There was no second on the motion, motion failed for lack of second.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

No action taken at the Policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Remke** - Nothing at this time.

* **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

* **Haynes** - Congratulations to Chief Clarke and his staff.

* **Saunders** - Said there was some discussion on abolishing the Parks & Recreation Board. Councilperson Wood said the only time this was discussed was when Parks & Recreation were having financial problems. Also, Attorney White commented that during the Policy Committee meeting he provided an opinion what the real estate situation was in respect to who owns what and who is in control of what. Attorney White discovered that the Parks & Recreation Board owns no property, it is all in the name of the city. The Moundsville Building Commission did own the Fostoria property, then deeded it to GAB. The Moundsville Building Commission also owns the Four Seasons Pool and East End Playground. The City owns everything else, therefore if the city wants a parcel of property to use as their own, they are able to do so. Councilperson Saunders hopes that the city considers the thoughts of the Parks & Recreation Board when it comes to the RV Park.

* **DeWitt** - Noted that #7 on the paving list should be Center Street from Poplar Avenue to Pine Avenue.

* Noticed a house was demolished on Second Street next to Eagles Parking lot. The house will be replaced with a pool.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Dennis L. Wallace, Mayor