

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 21, 2013**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms. A moment of silence was asked in remembrance of City Employee Richard Moses who passed away on May 17, 2013. And also for the City of Moore OK during their tornado tragedy.

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 Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Richmond, Building Inspector Richmond, Attorney Thomas White, CPA Kathryn Goddard and City Clerk Hewitt.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of May 7, 2013.

Councilperson P Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of May 7, 2013, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Karen Ali, 4 Four Sisters Court, complained of the huge deer population in Cherokee Hills and the destruction they are leaving in yards. She asked council for some direction on dealing with the deer.

* Linda Richmond, 100 Leatherwood Drive, also complained of the destructive deer and asked how they should handle the situation in Cherokee Hills.

OLD BUSINESS:

* Councilperson Remke asked for progress reports on the work orders submitted to the City Manager. He also reported grass very high at 1001 Sixth Street and garbage in the rear of 1005 Sixth Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contractual Agreement for 2013-2014 Employee Health Insurance Coverage.

Councilperson Simms moved to approve the resolution to authorize the City Manager to enter into an agreement for employee health insurance coverage, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of a Recommendation by the Moundsville Planning Commission Approving the Zone Change at 107 13th Street from R-M (Residential Multi-Family Commercial Center) to C-H (Highway Commercial and Integrated Retail Sales & Services).

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to direct Attorney White to draft a zone change ordinance for 107 13th Street from RM to CH, seconded by Councilperson Simms for discussion. Council members were advised that Gary & Theresa Hartley want to re-open their bait store and in order to open the lot has to be changed back to CH. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Bid Award for the 1997 GMC Crew Cab 4X4 Pick Up Truck.

A bid was received from A-1 Auto Parts of Wheeling WV in the amount of \$721.00. Councilperson Simms moved to accept the bid of \$721.00 from A-1 Auto Parts, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms moved to discuss the deer problem in Cherokee Hills at the Policy Committee meeting after an investigation by Police Chief Mitchell as to allowing Urban Deer Hunting in the City of Moundsville, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

* Councilperson Remke asked for council to consider the “On Trac” program which is a two year program for the Jefferson Avenue Historical District. Councilperson Wood interjected stating the city’s Vista Worker is gathering information for the “On Trac” program to present to council.

A motion was made by Councilperson Remke to discuss this program before the Policy Committee, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Remke, Simms, Wood, Mayor Saunders and DeWitt voting yea. D. Haynes & P. Haynes voting nay. 5 yeas, 2 nays. Motion carried.

* Councilperson Wood announced that city government (Mayor Saunders, Vice Mayor Wood, City Manager Hess, Chief Clarke, Chief Mitchell & Recreation Director Baker) will be attending Moundsville Middle School presenting students with information on city government.

* Councilperson Wood announced on June 26 the WV Law Clinic will hold an open house at the Prison Training Center at 6:00 p.m. They will be discussing the roles of the Planning Commission and Comprehensive Plan.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Hess expressed her greatest sympathy to Street Commissioner Richmond and the Sanitation Department on the loss of employee Richard Moses.

* Manager Hess announced Business After Hours May 30, 2013 hosted by MEDC from 5-7. Council member interested in attending may call Marilyn.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders expressed his condolences to Street Commissioner Richmond and his staff on the loss of a co-worker.

* Mayor Saunders announced that he and Manager Hess will be attending a ground breaking at the Marshall County Fairgrounds as Williams Energy presents matching funds to the Fair Board for new grandstands.

* Mayor Saunders also announced he will be attending Moundsville Middle School for a presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Cleaning Area along Jefferson Avenue Extension. Committee recommends Moundsville Sanitation will dispose of garbage picked up and bagged by volunteers. Councilperson Remke to obtain written permission from property owners.

Discussion was held on whether or not the city will charge for picking up the bagged garbage. Councilperson Remke will ask Mr. Parriott if the funds he will be donating will include garbage pickup.

After further discussion, Councilperson DeWitt moved to table until Mr. Remke has an answer, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. Mayor Saunders, P. Haynes, D. Haynes and DeWitt voting yea. Wood, Simms and Remke voting nay. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Motion carried to table.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Goals for City Council & City Manager.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to move forward on the goals for City Council and the City

Manager, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. DeWitt, Remke, Wood and Saunders voting yea. D. Haynes, P. Haynes and Simms voting nay. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of Evaluation Process for City Manager.

Councilperson Wood made a motion to move forward with a written evaluation process for the City Manager, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

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

Discussions of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Councilperson Simms reported no recommendations from the traffic committee.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **DeWitt** - Expressed condolences to Street Commissioner Richmond and his department for the loss of Sanitation employee Richard Moses.

* **P. Haynes** - Expressed condolences to the Street Commissioner and his department.

* Asked for more patrol on Linden Avenue around 5:00 p.m.

* **D. Haynes** - Expressed condolences to the Street Commissioner and his department.

* **Remke** - Expressed condolences to the Street Commissioner, his department and the Moses family.

* **Wood** - Expressed condolences to the Street Commissioner and his department.

* **Simms** - Expressed condolences to the Street Commissioner and his department.

Councilperson Simms moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor