

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
MAY 5, 2015**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on May 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor David Wood.

Invocation by Councilperson Mark Simms.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Saunders, Simms and Mayor Wood. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Chief Noel Clarke & Street Commissioner Richmond.

MINUTES:

Special Council Meeting of April 21, 2015.

Councilperson Simms moved to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of April 21, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular Council Meeting of April 21, 2015.

Councilperson Simms moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of April 21, 2015, seconded by Councilperson Saunders. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

Fred Carroll - 3rd Place in State Math Contest from Fifth Grade Central Elementary School.

Mayor Saunders announced that Mr. Carroll was unable to attend the council meeting but will be present at the May 19, 2015 council meeting.

* Carl Boso, 305 Tenth Street, reported numerous vehicles and people loafing at the parking lot of the walking trail and the Riverfront Park. He thinks signs should be installed saying closed at dusk. Also, asked for a sign when traveling east off the 12th Street bridge for truck drivers not to use "jake" brakes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of B.A.D Grant.

Mayor Wood reported approximately 32 residents attended the B.A.D Grant meeting which was more of an educational meeting. The next meeting will be held on May 27 at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will consist of “training a team.”

Discussion and Approval of a Proclamation for Relay for Life.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to approve the proclamation for Relay for Life, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wood asked Manager Hess what council can do to participate? Manager Hess advised that city officials approved hanging the purple flags on Rt. 2 starting at Glen Dale to the south end of city limits.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson D. Haynes reported a truck with a load of garbage parked at intersection of Ruby Street & Garfield Street. Councilperson DeWitt said vehicle has been there for at least 2 weeks.

* Councilperson P. Haynes thanked City Manager Hess for taking care of the bee problem at a house on Highland Avenue. The bee keeper arrived and removed the bees.

* Councilperson DeWitt asked if City Manager Hess had heard anything on why the docks had been tightly fastened to the pylons? Manager Hess emailed the DNR receiving no response.

* Councilperson Hendershot asked Manager Hess to update the public on city employees Health Care rates. Manager Hess reported our health care coverage has dropped from 44% increase to 26% increase and employees are filling out health information for themselves as well as their dependents. Schwendeman Agency is also researching options for other coverage.

* Councilperson Saunders thanked the Street Department for installing more of the skateboard ramps at East End.

Home Rule Letter from Attorney White.

Mayor Wood asked Attorney White to elaborate on the letter he passed out to council members concerning the Municipal Home Rule Pilot Program. The letter said the City of Moundsville was declaring a continued interest in the upcoming round of cities for consideration into the Home Rule Program.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to authorize Attorney White to send this letter to the WV Home Rule Board for consideration, seconded by Councilperson Simms. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Receive and File the 2015 -2016 Moundsville Water Board Budget.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the 2015-2016 Moundsville Water Board Budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilperson Hendershot wished to thank the Moundsville Water Board for the great job they do.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Simms reported to Manager Hess that garbage strewn all over the 12th Street bridge and it was immediately cleaned up. He wished to thank her for having the garbage cleaned up so quickly.

* Councilperson Simms received a complaint of tattered banners on Rt. 2 at the “Y”. Councilperson DeWitt and Manager Hess said they must have been referring to the flags at the triangle that need replaced.

* Councilperson Saunders thanked the Street Department for replacing the 15 mph speed limits sign at the pool.

* Councilperson Saunders said someone reported their granddaughters car was hit on Dorsey Street and she tried several time to get information from the Police Department but they had not investigated the accident at that time. Chief Mitchell said he would call the complainant.

* Councilperson Saunders announced a new officer was sworn in to the Police Department and two officers, Joe Crow and Steve Oliver were promoted and sworn in to the rank of Corporal.

* Councilperson Hendershot announced the Annual Mock Riot is being held at the former prison which brings in crowds from all over the world. Council should thank and support the program. He would like council to send a thank you letter to the WV Corrections for sponsoring such a great event.

* Councilperson Hendershot said he noticed in the previous minutes where Mr. Boso mentioned neighbors being upset about the odor a transfer station would bring to the area. He has received complaints from resident with the same concerns but doesn't feel those complaints will hinder council's decision in moving forward with the transfer station.

* Councilperson Hendershot made comment to the signage at the Riverfront Park thinking there were signs posted at one time stating the time the park closes but not sure about the parking lot.

* Councilperson Simms asked why WV Corrections don't allow parking in the south yard of the former prison because he continues to get complaints from neighbors. Councilperson

Hendershot said they practice exercises in the south yard.

* Councilperson Saunders said he was approached by an individual asking to lease city property near the river to install more camp sites.

* Councilperson DeWitt thanked City Manager Hess for having First Street patched. Also, thanked the Street Department for patching city streets and cleaning up cinders.

* Councilperson D. Haynes said he agrees with Councilperson Simms the parking problem at the prison needs addressed.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess announced Street Commissioner Jim Richmond will retire Friday, May 8, 2015.

* Manager Hess also announced Meter Attendant Bill Baker will be retiring June 30, 2015.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Wood is staying in contact with Terrell Ellis, WV Land Trust, who feels the only area they can address is at the Valley Fork Ballfield creek bank.

* Mayor Wood announced one of the short term goals that he and City Manager Hess have been addressing is Four Seasons Pool. They, along with Parks Director Baker and Parks Chairperson Kelley Bidka, met with Wesbanco in hopes to partner with them and other banks for possible funding. However, the Parks & Recreation Board must be 501(c)(3) and provide a feasibility study. Another meeting is scheduled with Main Street Bank on Friday, May 8, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 5 p.m.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Meeting will follow the finance meeting.

Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Meeting will follow the traffic meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Simms** - Asked Chief Mitchell what the speed limit on Morton Avenue between 1st & 2nd

Street was? Chief advised 25 mph unless otherwise posted. Mr. Simms said he has been yelled at by a lady two different times to slow down and he was traveling at 20 mph.

* Asked if any patching was going to be done on the road behind Ace Hardware to Jefferson Extension? Mr. Simms asked Mr. Boso if he did the patching in the past? Mr. Boso said he was in contact with the owner who is supposed to be fixing it.

* Asked if past City Manager Hendershot researched the option of a part time meter person or full time. Manager Hess advised she was advertising for part time. Asked for this matter to be discussed at the Policy Meeting.

* **Saunders** - Said he hates to see Street Commissioner Richmond retire.

* Receiving complaints of vehicles running stop sign at Jackson Street & Poplar Avenue.

* **Hendershot** - Said he was shocked Street Commissioner Richmond was retiring. City needs to do something for him.

* **DeWitt** - Wanted citizens to be aware that St. Francis Grade School is occupied by St. James & John students.

* Asked if bleach problem was addressed at the pool? Manager advised it was.

* **P. Haynes** - Requested signs be posted at Park View playground not allowing kids to play football.

* Requested patching at the end of Stewart Street.

* **D. Haynes** - Thanked City Manager Hess for addressing all the work orders he submitted.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Sondra J Hewitt, City Clerk

David Wood, Mayor