

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**  
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, JANUARY 5, 2016**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council  
5 Chambers on January 5, 2016 at 7:00 pm.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Mayor Saunders opened the meeting by welcoming back Councilman David  
10 Wood and giving praises to God for Councilman Wood's miraculous  
11 recovery!

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13 Invocation was given by Councilman Allen Hendershot.

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15 Acting City Clerk Ankrom called the roll and the following Councilpersons  
16 were in attendance: Vice Mayor DeWitt, David Haynes, Paul Haynes,  
17 Hendershot, Simms, Wood, and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City  
18 Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Assistant Fire Chief Walker, Public  
19 Works' Working Foreman Wallace, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA  
20 Goddard, Attorney White and Acting Clerk Ankrom. Absent was City Clerk  
21 Hewitt (sick).

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23 **MINUTES:**

24 **Regular Council Meeting of December 15, 2015**

25 Vice Mayor DeWitt made the motion to accept the December 15, 2015  
26 Regular Meeting minutes as presented. Councilman David Haynes  
27 seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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29 **Special Council Meeting of December 1, 2015**

30 Councilman David Haynes made the motion to accept the December 1,  
31 2015 Special Meeting minutes as presented. Councilman Paul Haynes  
32 seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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34 **CONSIDER PUBLIC HEARING:**

35 **Public Hearing Concerning the Addendum to the Home Rule**  
36 **Application**

37 Mayor Saunders opened the Public Hearing for comments on the Addendum  
38 to the City of Moundsville's Home Rule Application.

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40 \* H Carl Boso Jr of 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street opined that the City of Moundsville does  
41 not need Home Rule! Mr. Boso does not feel that the current City Council  
42 can handle the authority that Home Rule would give them; and residents

1 on fixed incomes cannot afford additional taxes. Mr. Boso pointed out that  
2 the City of Wheeling has not handled their Home Rule authority adequately,  
3 and he does not feel that Moundsville will fare any better.

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5 \* James Stultz of 1216 6<sup>th</sup> Street wished City Council a Happy New Year  
6 and agreed that it is good to see Councilman Wood back! Mr. Stultz is glad  
7 that the Home Rule Application passed and thinks it is a necessity for  
8 Moundsville due to the "archaic" tax structure of the State of West Virginia.  
9 Mr. Stultz asked for confirmation that gasoline, food, and medicines will be  
10 exempt from the sales tax, which they are, as well as utility services. Mr.  
11 Stultz encouraged City Council to implement the 1% tax and apply those  
12 funds to paving, demolition, and public service needs rather than devote  
13 the majority to recreational projects.

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15 Hearing no other comments, Mayor Saunders declared the Public Hearing  
16 on the Addendum to the Home Rule Application closed.

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18 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

19 \* H Carl Boso Jr of 305 10<sup>th</sup> Street asked why he was getting a garbage bill  
20 for houses that are vacant? Manager Hess will look into this issue. Mr.  
21 Boso also pointed out that AAA providers are coming from outside City  
22 limits, performing services inside the City, without being licensed or paying  
23 fees and taxes on the income they receive from AAA. Manager Hess will  
24 look into the licensing requirements for these providers.

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26 **OLD BUSINESS:**

27 **Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Home rule**  
28 **(Second Reading)**

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30 Attorney White read the ordinance by title only:

31 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,**  
32 **WEST VIRGINIA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT AN**  
33 **ADDENDUM TO ITS MUNICIPAL HOME RULE APPLICATION TO THE**  
34 **WEST VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL HOME RULE BOARD (SECOND READING)**

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36 Councilperson David Haynes made the motion to approve the ordinance on  
37 second reading, which was seconded by Councilman Paul Haynes. Mayor  
38 Saunders called for a roll call vote, and Acting Clerk Ankrom announced the  
39 following tally: 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

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41 **Other Items to be Discussed by Council**

42 \* Vice Mayor DeWitt asked about progress on the Sewer Line Insurance?

1 Manager Hess and her Secretary are working on this.

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3 \* Vice Mayor DeWitt received an email about a workshop to be held in  
4 Weirton on January 22, 2016 from 9:00 am until 4:00 PM. The workshop is  
5 for rehabilitation of dilapidated buildings. There is a \$15.00 per person fee  
6 to attend, and registration must be done online. It was suggested that the  
7 Building Inspectors should also attend; and the City could pay the  
8 registration fee for those Councilpeople wanting to attend.

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10 \* Vice Mayor DeWitt asked when the lines on 1<sup>st</sup> Street will be put back in  
11 the original position? The WV State Road needs to take care of this.

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13 \* Councilman Paul Haynes asked for the Stop Sign at Park View Playground  
14 to be put back where it should be. Foreman Wallace will look into this.

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16 \* Councilman Wood asked where we are with McKinley & Associates?  
17 There will be a meeting this Friday with Recreation Director Baker and  
18 Mayor Saunders. Council will be given copies of the completed feasibility  
19 study; but they would also like to hear personally from a representative of  
20 McKinley & Associates.

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22 \* Councilman Wood asked about the Better Buildings Program. Inspector  
23 Richmond commented that progress did stall through the holidays, but he  
24 will try to get things moving again.

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26 \* Councilman Wood would like to attend the WV Municipal League  
27 Conference and will need to follow up with City Clerk Hewitt for  
28 reservations.

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30 **NEW BUSINESS:**

31 **Discussion & Approval of a Resolution Pertaining to a Scope Change**  
32 **Order for Water Department Equipment Grant**

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34 Councilman Hendershot made a motion to approve, for discussion, the  
35 Resolution for a Scope Change on the Water Department Equipment Grant.  
36 Motion was seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Manager Hess and  
37 Councilman David Haynes explained that the Water Department applied for  
38 the \$10,000.00 Grant, to be used toward the purchase of a \$60,000.00  
39 valve insertion machine. However, it has become apparent that the funds  
40 would be better used toward the purchase of an emergency pump.  
41 Therefore, City Council's approval is needed to change the "scope" of the  
42 grant agreement. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Discussion & Award of Bids for City Manager Vehicle**

Manager Hess is not ready to award the bid for a new vehicle, as she is still looking at options.

**Other Items to be Discussed by Council**

\* Councilman Wood asked about the 2016-2017 Budget. Department Heads have the worksheets and work will soon begin.

\* Councilman Wood asked about drafting of the Home Rule Ordinances, which Attorney White has begun work on.

\* Councilman Simms stated that he is glad to see Councilman Wood back, as he works very hard on behalf of the City!

\* Councilman David Haynes asked that a "No Thru Traffic" or "Dead End" sign be posted on Parriott Avenue while sanitary line work continues. Manager Hess will look into getting this done.

\* Vice Mayor DeWitt confirmed that the City's Insurance Broker will attend the Committee Meeting next week to discuss health insurance issues.

**MANAGER ITEMS:**

- Ⓞ Manager Hess welcomed back Councilman Wood!
- Ⓞ Manager Hess informed Council that Mayor Saunders and Attorney White will attend the Home Rule Hearing in Charleston on January 11.
- Ⓞ Attorney White asked for a moment to present legal ads to be received and filed:
  - Sealed Bids for 1993 Durapatcher & Crafcro Crackseal Melter
  - Home Rule Pilot Program Phase III Public Hearing
  - Sealed Quotes for July 4 Fireworks Presentation
  - Civil Action 15-M25C-00443
  - Sealed Bids for 2016 Sports Utility Vehicle

**MAYOR ITEMS:**

- Ⓞ Mayor Saunders commented that he is glad to see Councilman Wood back!

- 1 ⑥ Mayor Saunders verified that the list of 2016 Council Committee  
2 Assignments were handed out.  
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4 ⑥ Mayor Saunders is optimistic about the Home Rule Plan implementation!  
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6 ⑥ Mayor Saunders is also hopeful that Council will have a good year in  
7 2016!

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9 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

10 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

11 The Finance Committee will meet January 12, 2016 beginning at 5:00 PM.  
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13 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

14 The Policy Committee will meet immediately following the Finance  
15 Committee.  
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17 **Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

18 The Traffic Committee will meet immediately following the Policy  
19 Committee.  
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21 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

22 \* **Hendershot** – Expressed concern over the recent coal mine layoffs and  
23 asked for prayers for the families affected.

24 \* Is glad to see that the Water Department building was sold!

25 \* Is hopeful that Council will effectively implement the Home Rule plan!

26 \* Asked that Council go into Executive Session for Personnel matters.  
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28 \* **Wood** – Is happy to be back and is so thankful for the overwhelming  
29 support from Council and the entire Moundsville community!  
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31 \* **Simms** – Had nothing at this time.  
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33 \* **DeWitt** – Had nothing else at this time.  
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35 \* **Paul Haynes** – Had nothing at this time.  
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37 \* **David Haynes** – Asked about meters for 6<sup>th</sup> Street? Manager Hess will  
38 discuss, with County Administrator Betsy Frohnafel, the prospective  
39 parking change around the County Courthouse, once the old jail is  
40 demolished. The Traffic Committee will also be discussing this issue as  
41 activities progress.

42 \* Commented that the Stormwater Utility Board did a great job on Olive  
43 Avenue and Jackson Street!

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2 Councilman Hendershot made a motion to enter into Executive Session,  
3 which was seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt.

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5 Regular Session ended at 7:35 PM.

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7 Executive Session began at 7:40 PM.

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9 Executive Session ended at 7:45 PM.

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11 Regular Session reconvened at 7:46 PM.

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13 Councilman Simms made the motion to reaffirm City Manager Deanna J  
14 Hess. Motion was seconded by Councilman David Haynes and carried  
15 unanimously.

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17 Councilman Hendershot made the motion to adjourn, which was seconded  
18 by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

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Karen L Ankrom, Acting City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Mayor