

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,  
FEBRUARY 2, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on February 2, 2016 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: Vice Mayor DeWitt, D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner Stocklask, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

**Regular Council Meeting of January 19, 2016.**

Councilperson Hendershot made a correction on page 1, line 35 should read “any time” not “anything”. Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of January 19, 2016, as amended, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

**Special Council Meeting of January 19, 2016.**

Councilperson P. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of January 19, 2016, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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**Presentation by Mayor Saunders.**

Mayor Saunders commended Lt. Kosek, Sgt. Allman and Cpl. Wolfe for helping to save a man who was trapped under his mobile home.

**McKinley & Associates - Four Seasons Pool Feasibility Study.**

Tim Myers and Scott Cain presented council members with copies of the feasibility study performed on the Four Season Pool facility.

## **Moundsville Police Department Lt. Kosek - Wage Increase Study.**

Lt. Kosek presented council members with copies of a wage study for the Moundsville Police Department.

### **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

\* Jane Klug, 2105 Jackson Street, spoke to council on behalf of “Friends of the Moundsville Parks & Recreation”. Ms. Klug said their group has applied for its 501-C-3 and hopes to be granted the non profit status in a couple of weeks. She plans to apply to the Marshall County Commission for funds to purchase tables & chairs for the lobby at the pool.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**

\* Vice Mayor DeWitt said she noticed a piece of equipment on the property of Connie’s Castle and wondered if the state was going to finish the extension bridge project.

\* Councilperson Hendershot, on the same note, said when the state makes the exit from Rt.2 onto Jefferson Extension the city will have to move their “Welcome to Moundsville” sign that is located in the triangle.

\* Councilperson Simms said he received complaints concerning the 25 mph sign on Jefferson Avenue Extension flashing when nobody is working.

\* Councilperson Wood asked if the paving list was going to be discussed at the Traffic Committee? He was advised by Manager Hess to turn his list in at the traffic meeting.

\* Councilperson Wood said he would like to discuss the feasibility study at the Finance Committee. And discuss goals at the Policy Committee.

\* Councilperson Hendershot said council had a pretty lengthy meeting with the Home Rule committee and commended Allen from the New Register for doing a nice article. He asked that Attorney White or City Manager Hess give a synopsis of the meeting.

Mayor Saunders said that he disagreed with Councilperson Hendershot saying that Allen misinformed the public in the report headlines which said, “Moundsville Missed the Home Rule Deadline”. Mayor Saunders said that was very incorrect. He went on to say that he heard a lot of criticism because of the headline, but he will discuss that later.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Other Items to be Discussed by Council.**

\* Councilperson Hendershot again asked for a brief synopsis of what had occurred at the Home Rule meeting. Attorney White said that when he presented the amendments in November, there was not talk of a deadline in December, 2015. Attorney White complied with the Home Rule boards request for more information January 11, 2016. At that time he was informed the City of Moundsville met the requirements and was granted Home Rule status for B&O and sales tax. But City Manager Hess received an urgent email stating the City of Moundsville can not impose the B&O tax reduction and sales tax in 2016. The reason being the State Tax Department needs time to notify businesses in the Moundsville area of the sales tax increase.

\* Councilperson Wood announced the City of Moundsville has another winner for the “If I Were Mayor” contest, which was a student from Moundsville Middle School. Mayor Saunders said he was going to make the presentation to her at the February 16 council meeting.

\* Councilperson Wood asked if the Budget Message will be ready by the end of February? Manager Hess said it would be.

\* Councilperson P. Haynes said there was property for sale on 10<sup>th</sup> Street beside the Veterinary Hospital. He thought the city would be interested in buying it since entrance to the walking trail is located there.

\* Councilperson DeWitt asked if Manager Hess had any figures on employee insurance yet? Manager Hess said she did not.

### **MANAGER ITEMS:**

\* Manager Hess reported the Moundsville Echo, paper carriers along with the Moundsville Post Office and letter carriers wish to thank the City of Moundsville for the great job they did clearing the streets during the snow storm.

\* Manager Hess received a letter from a Moundsville resident thanking the employees of the Sanitation, Street and Water Departments for the work they do picking up garbage, cleaning streets, keeping water lines clear.

\* Manager Hess congratulated Frank Stocklask for completing his probationary period as Street Commissioner as well as Street Foreman Kevin Wallace. Keep up the good work!

### **MAYOR ITEMS:**

\* Mayor Saunders reiterated comments about the Street Department cleaning streets after the snow. Great job!

- \* Mayor Saunders wanted to clarify that Moundsville IS a Home Rule city.
- \* Congratulations to Frank Stocklask & Kevin Wallace for making probation.
- \* Commended the Police Department for patrolling during the snow storm.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

Finance meeting on February 9, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

Policy meeting will follow the finance meeting.

**Discussion and Approval of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

Traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.

**COUNCIL ITEMS:**

- \* **D. Haynes** - Commended the Street Department for an excellent job clearing streets.
- \* Reminded Mayor Saunders there were more people involved in the implementing Home Rule than Mayor Saunders, Attorney White and Councilperson Wood. Mayor Saunders apologized for not including Councilperson David Haynes, City Manager Hess, City Clerk Hewitt, and CPA Kathryn Goddard.
- \* **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.
- \* **DeWitt** - Nothing at this time.
- \* **Hendershot** - Wished to thank Stan Stewart of the Marshall County Commission for providing a tour of the new Marshall County Safety Building, Sheriff Department & 911 Center.
- \* Thanked the Street Department for the snow removal.
- \* **Wood** - Congratulations to Frank & Kevin on making probation.
- \* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor