

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
OCTOBER 4, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on October 4, 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: D. Haynes, P. Haynes, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: Vice Mayor DeWitt and Hendershot. 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 September 20, 2016.

Councilperson Simms moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of September 20, 2016, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Lester Tasker, 1407 10th Street, said he has not seen officers patrolling the city. He asked for more patrol.

* Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, asked if business license fees were increasing? City Clerk Hewitt said the business licenses are increasing from \$5 to \$15 for every business owner. There will be a flat fee for all types of businesses with the exception of beer and liquor establishments.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Revising City Business License Fees in the City of Moundsville. (Second Reading)

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE TO REVISE AND SIMPLIFY BUSINESS LICENSING IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE (SECOND READING)

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the Business License ordinance, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson D. Haynes asked if the owner of vacant property on 5th Street been contacted? Building Inspector Richmond said it was being addressed.

* Councilperson D. Haynes asked if the down spout problem on Poplar Avenue has been looked into? Building Inspector Richmond said he was also addressing that problem.

* Councilperson Simms said he would like to see a list of houses that have been tore down. Building Inspector Richmond will compile a list.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into A Contract with Republic Services to Provide Recycling Services.

Councilperson D. Haynes made a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a contract with Republic Services for recycling, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes.

Mayor Saunders asked for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval of Date and Time for 2016 Trick or Treat in the City of Moundsville.

Councilperson Simms made motion to hold Trick or Trick in Moundsville on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* City Manager Hess announced she will be advertising for 3 vacancies on the Moundsville Building Commission. If council should know of anyone interested in serving on this board, please have them send a letter to the City Manager.

* A letter was received from the Fostoria Glass Society thanking council for their “mould” donation.

* City Manager Hess read a letter from Sanitary Superintendent Larry Bonar reporting on the 7th & Ash Avenue “sink hole”. He said he could not find a specific hole but noticed the entire west side of 7th Street is lower than the street. The Sanitary Department will need to camera and inspect the intersection as well as the manholes. Inspection and investigation will be planned for the week of October 10, 2016.

* Manager Hess received reports and pictures of the city bridges on Elm Avenue and Fostoria Avenue. Department of Highways Bridge Inspector Rick West submitted structural analysis on the Fostoria Avenue bridge stating there is 100% loss to the bearing area and the beam appears to be no longer supporting the structure. And noted the Elm Avenue Bridge supports are severely corroded and structural integrity of the sidewalks are in question.

Manager Hess also stated it will be the City of Moundsville’s responsibility to have these bridges engineered and repaired.

* City Manager Hess wished to thank everyone who participated and attended the city’s first Community Day celebration. She hopes to make this an annual event.

MAYOR ITEMS:

Receive and File the Mayor’s Proclamation Recognizing and Commending the Moundsville Lions Club for 75 Years Service to the City of Moundsville.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the proclamation, seconded by Councilperson D. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

* Mayor Saunders asked if the paving has started in the city? Manager Hess said it has not.

* Reminded council members of the annual Chamber of Commerce Dinner on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the MEDC Training Center.

* Announced that he and City Manager Hess attended the WVU/Reynold Memorial Hospital dedication where US Senator Manchin spoke.

* Mayor Saunders announced he will be attending the WVML Board of Directors meeting next week in Lewisburg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Policy meeting will follow the finance meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Traffic meeting will follow the policy meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

- * **P. Haynes** - Said the city needs an engineer to look under the bridges before any work is done.
- * **D. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.
- * **Wood** - Thanked everyone who helped with the Community Day event.
- * **Simms** - Sorry he didn't make it to the Community Day event.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor