

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE,
OCTOBER 18, 2016**

The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers on October 18, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance: Vice Mayor DeWitt, P. Haynes, Hendershot, Simms, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Absent: D. Haynes. 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 October 4, 2016.

Councilperson P. Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 4, 2016, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Carl Boso, 308 10th Street, said that other tow services are conducting business in Moundsville without a city business license. He feels if he has to have a license the other businesses should too.

Attorney White that Mr. Boso can file a complaint with the Public Service Commission.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A Public Hearing Concerning the Proposed Revision of the City of Moundsville Business License Ordinance.

Councilperson Simms asked for an explanation on this ordinance. City Clerk explained the license categories have been condensed from 42 to 10. The standard city business license for every business in the city will be \$15.00.

Since the public did not express any concerns, Mayor Saunders closed the public hearing.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

Attorney White read the following ordinance by title only to be passed by council on third and final 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 (THIRD & FINAL READING)

Councilperson Simms made a motion to approve the ordinance on third and final reading, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 6 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Vice Mayor DeWitt asked for an update on the paving. Manager Hess said she tried calling Klug's several times to ask when they planned to start paving but was unable to reach anyone. Ms. DeWitt then asked if the city could contract the other paving company that submitted a bid? Attorney White said he would have to check the contract.

Councilperson Hendershot asked Manager Hess to check with Klug's to see if they will honor this contact in the Spring of 2017.

* Vice Mayor DeWitt announced the recycling will begin November 1. Notices of dates and times will be shown on the monthly bills. Also shown on the city's website.

* Councilperson P. Haynes asked how long until the Jefferson Extension project is completed? Manager Hess said the state was behind because they had to change size of the pipe and redesign water line.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Pertaining to Decreasing the Business & Occupation Tax in the City of Moundsville. (First Reading)

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE BY

AMENDING AND REENACTING SECTIONS 745.06 AND 745.07 PROVIDING FOR DECREASING BUSINESS AND OCCUPATION TAXES ON MANUFACTURING AND RETAIL SALES IN THE CITY. (FIRST READING)

Councilperson Simms made a motion to accept and approve the above ordinance pertaining to B&O Taxes, seconded by Councilperson Wood.

CPA Kathryn Goddard said this ordinance has to coincide with the 1% Sales Tax ordinance. Councilperson Hendershot expressed his concern on the reduction of income this will have on the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 5 yeas, 1 nay. DeWitt voting nay. Motion carried.

Discussion to Change Sub Committee Meetings of Tuesday, November 8 to Another Date Due to General Election.

Councilperson Simms made a motion to hold the subcommittee meetings on Monday, November 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess provided council with a demolition report drafted by Building Inspector Richmond.

* Annual Business After Hours will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 hosted by Suburban Extended Stay at the Highlands, 40 Robinson Drive, Triadelphia from 5-7 pm. Anyone interested must call Marilyn.

* Manager Hess has scheduled a meeting with Department of Highways on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 10:30 p.m. concerning the Elm Avenue, Ash Avenue and Fostoria Avenue bridges for any council wishing to attend.

* Manager Hess reminded council and citizens of “Trick or Treat” will be on Monday, October 31, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Other Items to be Discussed.

Receive and File Legal Advertisements.

Attorney White presented legal ads published in the Moundsville Daily Echo to be received and filed by council:

1. City Business License Ordinance
2. Public Hearing to Replat 1228, 1332 & 1334 First Street
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4. Zoning Appeals Board for 1228, 1332 & 1334 First Street
5. Zoning Appeals Board for 405 Lafayette Avenue

Councilperson Simms made a motion to receive and file the legal ads, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders presented car show winners from the Community Day Event with awards for City Manager's Choice - Ed Berisford and Mayor's Choice - Tonya Hill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

1. Discussion of Request for Donation to Leo Club for Flood Victims. Committee recommends donating \$50 to the Leo Club.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to donate \$50 to the Leo Club, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion to Publicly Thank Businesses that Donated to the Community Day Event in the Local Paper.

Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to thank all businesses by placing their names in the paper, seconded by Councilperson P. Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

1. Discussion of Recognizing Teacher of the Grading Period & Student of the Month at the Moundsville Middle School. Committee recommends to Proceed with the Recognition Process.

Mayor Saunders made a motion to proceed with recognition process, seconded by Vice Mayor DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Simms** - Nothing at this time.

* **P. Haynes** - Nothing at this time.

- * **Wood** - Welcome Councilperson Hendershot back from his trip to Japan.
- * **DeWitt** - Received complaints of the dust being bad on Jefferson Avenue Extension.
- * **Hendershot** - Said he was pleased the charter change concerning candidate filing went through.
- * Read where the Parks & Recreation Director Mark Baker met with Grandview Parks Director Craig White, hopes we can get some good ideas from Craig.
- * Didn't see a link on our website for the CVB. And asked to have information on the website naming the candidates running in the Municipal Election.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor