

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, JANUARY 17, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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7 Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

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9 Invocation by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

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11 Mayor Saunders called the roll and the following councilpersons were in attendance:
12 DeWitt, Haynes, Hendershot, Hunt, Wood, and Mayor Saunders. Also present: City
13 Manager Deanna J. Hess, Fire Chief Clarke, Police Chief Mitchell, Street Commissioner
14 Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas
15 White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

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17 **Regular Council Meeting of January 3, 2017.**

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19 Councilperson Haynes moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council
20 meeting of January 3, 2017, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried
21 unanimously.

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23 Councilperson Remke made a motion to receive, file and make part of January 3, 2017
24 minutes the information he provided concerning profit & loss of the Four Seasons Pool,
25 seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

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27 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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29 * Jane Klug, 2005 Jackson Street, member of Friends of the Parks & Pool. She said the
30 group will continue to raise money for the pool and they will continue to work with
31 council. She asked that council work together to find ways to keep the pool open. Ms.
32 Klug also commented on the interest of painting the city's parking meters. She subjected
33 painting the meters with pictures of Moundsville History. And lastly, Ms. Klug said there
34 in no "I" in Team!

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36 * Miranda Postle, 110 Hickory Avenue, Head coach of the Bishop Donahue & Marshall
37 County Swim Teams and has a child on the John Marshall Swim Team. She asked that
38 council consider the children who utilize the pool.

1 * Mary Lou Border, 12th Street, asked council to think of the children and the senior
2 citizens that utilize the pool before making a decision to close it.

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4 * Ashley Postle, 110 Hickory Avenue, a John Marshall swim student, commented on the
5 social skills she endured while swimming on the John Marshall swim team. She hopes
6 that council does not close the pool.

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8 * Charles Postle, 110 Hickory Avenue, Asst. Coach for Marshall County Swim Team,
9 opposes closing the pool. He asked council to think of the children.

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11 * Mary Patterson, 9th Street, said council made a motion to move forward with obtaining
12 funds to renovate the pool, why haven't they continued to move forward?

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14 * Bill Dorsey, 205 S. Highland Avenue, President of the Marshall County Swim Team,
15 said he could help with locating parts and equipment at cost. Council needs to reach out
16 to citizens for help.

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18 * Carl Boso, 305 10th Street, asked what council has found out about towing services
19 doing business in the City of Moundsville? Councilperson Hendershot said the City
20 Manager and Attorney are researching his question.

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22 **Donald Dulaney & Tiffany Wotring - ESP Emergency Site Protection.**

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24 Mr. Dulaney wanted to introduce themselves to city council. ESP wants to be a 911
25 provider to the City of Moundsville as well as Marshall County. They want to work with
26 the local fire department first responders not replace them. ESP is not under a contract
27 with the Marshall County Commission, but have submitted a proposal to them. Marshall
28 County entered into an agreement with HealthNet Services in Cameron. ESP will also
29 have a working relationship with HealthNet.

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31 **Ken Joseph - Tri State Ambulance Service.**

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33 Mr. Joseph, owner of Tri State Ambulance Service since 2008, assured council his
34 ambulance service is not leaving Moundsville or Marshall County. Tri State Ambulance
35 Service will provide the same coverage they have been providing for years.

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37 Councilperson Hendershot asked Attorney White if the city should enter into an
38 agreement with the new ambulance service, can the city provide them with exclusivity of
39 911 calls in the city? Attorney White responded by saying the answer as being very
40 unclear at this time. Attorney White said he would like to confer with the counsel for the

1 Marshall County Commission.

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3 After further discussion, Councilperson Hendershot requested Fire Chief Clarke to ask
4 Marshall County 911 to provide council with a report of ambulance estimated times of
5 arrival on calls.

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7 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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9 **Discussion and Approval of a Zone Change at 1332 & 1334 First Street (Second**
10 **Reading)**

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

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15 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA,**
16 **PROVIDING TO CHANGE A CERTAIN DESIGNATED AREA ON FIRST**
17 **STREET IN THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD**
18 **COMMERCIAL ZONE TO A HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL AND INTEGRATED**
19 **COMMERCIAL CENTERS ZONE (SECOND READING)**

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21 Councilperson Remke made a motion to accept and approve the zone change ordinance,
22 seconded by Vice Mayor Wood.

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24 Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk announced the following tally. 7
25 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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29 * Vice Mayor Wood said council instructed City Manager Hess to look into every aspect
30 of the Parks & Recreation Department. He asked if she had anything to report? Manager
31 Hess said she was meeting with the Parks & Recreation Board to discuss some ideas and
32 issues.

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34 * Vice Mayor Wood asked if she researched any further into the Silver Sneakers
35 program? She advised not at this time.

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37 * Vice Mayor Wood asked what the process is when entering the pool with payment or a
38 pass. He asked if someone was at the desk making sure people have a pass?

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40 * Vice Mayor Wood asked if the concession stand was open for business at the pool?

1 Manager Hess replied from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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3 * Vice Mayor Wood asked for an update on the Morton Avenue house. She replied she
4 had nothing further to report.

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6 * Vice Mayor Wood asked Manager Hess for an update on the Delinquent Fee process.
7 Manager Hess said letters have been sent out for delinquencies.

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9 * Vice Mayor Wood asked Manager Hess if she plans to contact Ms. Donahy of the
10 Wheeling Cultural & Arts Commission? Mrs. Hess said yes she would be meeting with
11 her.

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13 * Vice Mayor Wood said the Goals Committee met before the council meeting to discuss
14 the list of goals.

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16 * Councilperson Haynes asked that financial reports of the Parks & Recreation be
17 provided to council members. Mayor Saunders said he would make sure council will
18 have those.

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20 * Councilperson Haynes asked if there has been any update on the Fostoria Avenue
21 bridge? Mayor Saunders said he has not heard back from the state concerning the grant.

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23 * Councilperson Remke asked why a council member does not sit on the Sanitary or
24 Stormwater Board? Councilperson Hendershot said that city code allows for the City
25 Manager to sit on the Sanitary and Stormwater Board.

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27 * Councilperson Hunt believes that all departments are important including the pool. She
28 noted in looking over budget projections, all the fees and taxes collected does not cover
29 any one department in the city, it subsidizes all departments. The pool is running a deficit
30 but feels the children and senior citizen deserve the pool.

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32 * Councilperson Hendershot said, concerning the pool, one of the issues with the swim
33 teams are the fees they pay to the city do not even cover the salary of the lifeguard.

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35 * Councilperson Hendershot asked if Attorney White had an answer for him concerning
36 the towing services in the city? Mr. White said he had no answer for him.

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38 * Councilperson Hendershot said he was a little concerned about the deficit showing in
39 the December finances. Looking at the Parks & Recreation, they have expended almost
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1 100% of their budget. And Parks & Recreation has not taken no action to address that
2 short fall.

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4 * Vice Mayor Wood commented on Councilperson Hendershot's comments saying that is
5 why council directed City Manager Hess to evaluate the Parks & Pool.

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7 * Councilperson Remke feels that Marshall County Schools should help subsidize the
8 pool.

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10 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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12 **Appointment to the Moundsville Zoning Appeals Board.**

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14 Manager Hess received a letter from Todd Morris expressing his interest to serve on the
15 Moundsville Zoning Appeals Board.

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17 Councilperson DeWitt made a motion to appoint Todd Morris to the Moundsville Zoning
18 Appeals Board, seconded by Vice Mayor Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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20 **Other Items to Discuss by Council.**

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22 * Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to discuss upgrades to the Moundsville
23 Police Department building at the finance meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hunt.
24 Motion carried unanimously.

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26 * Councilperson Hendershot said the lot next to the police department is for sale.
27 Councilperson DeWitt said the price is \$160,000. Councilperson Hendershot said he
28 would like council to consider purchasing the property.

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30 * Councilperson Hunt requested gravel in alley behind the Moundsville Volunteer Fire
31 Department.

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33 * Councilperson Remke asked if the new paving list had been tallied and listed yet?
34 Manager Hess said she has not received all of council's paving list.

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36 * Vice Mayor Wood commended Councilperson Hunt for providing valuable information
37 concerning the pool and the city's budget.

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39 * Councilperson DeWitt asked CPA Goddard when council can expect to start on budget
40 workshops? Manager Hess said in the next 2 weeks.

1 * Councilperson DeWitt asked if anyone has ever called the Public Service Commission
2 asking for written documentation on Towing Services operating in other cities? Attorney
3 White said the PSC gives towing companies a license to operate in certain areas. That
4 does not determine who can tax them. The issue is what kind of connection do they have
5 with Moundsville in order for Moundsville to tax them fairly. Since the State of West
6 Virginia repealed their B&O tax law, municipalities are not given a lot of information to
7 go on.

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9 * Councilperson DeWitt made comment to the Police Department building being in pretty
10 bad shape having a methane gas problem as well as the plumbing needing repaired.

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12 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

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14 * Manager Hess announced CPA Kathryn Goddard has moved her business to 305
15 Seventh Street. A ribbon cutting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

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17 * Manager Hess also announced the Legislative Breakfast on Wednesday, January 18,
18 2017 at 7:30 a.m.

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20 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

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22 * Mayor Saunders commended Councilperson Hunt for providing the information on the
23 pool. He went on to say the Parks & Recreation Board operate on a limited budget. The
24 Director has organized some events at the pool as well as the basketball courts.

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26 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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28 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.**

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30 No recommendations by the finance committee.

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32 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.**

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34 1. Proposal for EMS Service in the City of Moundsville. Committee recommends
35 entering into a contractual agreements with ESP to provide ambulance service to the City
36 of Moundsville.

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38 Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to place this back on the policy committee
39 agenda, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

1 **Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.**

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3 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to place parking meters on Sixth Street between
4 Tomlinson Avenue and Court Avenue, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion
5 carried unanimously.

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7 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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9 * **Remke** - Asked Ms. Goddard to provide the finance reports to council at least two days
10 before the sub committee meetings so he can study them. Manager Hess said that request
11 would be impossible due to timing in receiving the bank statements are provided.

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13 Councilperson Hendershot recommended moving the sub committee meetings to the 4th
14 Tuesday of the month. Councilperson Hunt said that questions could be brought up at the
15 following sub committee meeting.

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17 * **Hunt** - Said she was in agreement with asking for community support for the pool. She
18 feels the community needs to be involved.

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20 * **DeWitt** - Made comment to Councilperson Hunts suggestions, saying liability was
21 always an issue.

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23 * **Wood** - Nothing at this time.

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

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27 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Remke.
28 Motion carried unanimously.

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30 Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Mayor