

1 **STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF**
2 **MOUNDSVILLE, JULY 18, 2017**

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4 The Council of the City of Moundsville met in regular session in the Council Chambers
5 on July 18, 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, Remke, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present:
13 City Manager Deanna J. Hess, Public Works Director Stocklask, Fire Chief Clarke, Police
14 Chief Mitchell, Building Inspector Richmond, CPA Kathryn Goddard, Attorney Thomas
15 White, and City Clerk Hewitt.

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17 **Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2017.**

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19 Councilperson Remke moved to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council
20 meeting of July 5, 2017, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried
21 unanimously.

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23 **GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:**

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25 **Rick Healy - Belomar - Land & Water Conservation Grant Application.**

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27 Mr. Healy sent an email to City Manager Hess stating he was informed the state
28 allocations from the National Park Service funding for the Land & Water Conservation
29 grants will be delayed until after the beginning of the federal fiscal year (October 1,
30 2017). He will reschedule with Manager Hess closer to October.

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32 **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

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36 * Councilperson DeWitt read a couple of quotes on recycling printed in the News
37 Register by Wheeling's Mayor. Mrs. DeWitt also presented recycling fun facts. She said
38 she feels the city should continue to recycle for the environment.

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40 Councilperson Haynes said it was his understanding on the recycling that the more we

1 recycle the less we would pay for garbage tipping fees. Nothing was said about doing
2 away with the recycling, he was wondering how much the city was saving.

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4 * Vice Mayor Wood asked for an update on the Riverfront RV Park. Public Works
5 Director Stocklask said the Street Department was removing all the grass and leveling the
6 ground. The next step will be the Sanitary Department will start laying pipe for utilites.

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8 * Vice Mayor Wood asked Mayor Saunders for update on the events at the City Parks.
9 Mayor Saunders said August 12 is Kickball Tournament; 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament is
10 scheduled for July 29. Mr. Patterson said 3 teams have signed up.

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12 * Vice Mayor Wood asked if there was any contact with Mr. Christie? City Manager
13 Hess said Mr. Christie has not called her back.

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15 Councilperson Hendershot feels council should consider speaking with Mr. Patterson who
16 has offered his services to the city along with Mr. Christie. Both Mr. Patterson & Mr.
17 Christie could work together.

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19 Councilperson Hunt said grant applications are rated by credentials and she would like to
20 see Mr. Patterson's credentials.

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22 * Councilperson Remke said he feels employees at the pool should know information on
23 events at the pool and parks.

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25 * Councilperson Remke asked if the junk cars in the city have been addressed? Chief
26 Mitchell said they are working on them.

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28 * Councilperson Remke asked if training has been provided to the Parking Meter
29 Attendant? Manager Hess said she will be meeting with Chief Mitchell and the Meter
30 Attendant.

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32 * Councilperson Remke asked if the water fountain has been fixed at the Riverfront Park?
33 Mayor Saunders said Water Superintendent Woods was going to address it.

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35 * Councilperson Remke asked Manager Hess if she heard from Belomar concerning the
36 Housing Grant? Manager Hess said she received the information but has not had time to
37 go over it yet.

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39 * Councilperson Remke said the Japanese weeds have not been cut yet at Valley Fork on
40 12th Street. Mayor Saunders said they will be cut.

1 * Councilperson Remke asked for an update on the Washington Avenue & Grant Avenue
2 properties? Building Inspector Richmond said those properties are being addressed.

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4 * Councilperson Hendershot asked if Manager Hess sent a “thank you” letter to DNR for
5 their involvement in building the docks at the 13th Street boat landing? Manager Hess
6 said she will send the letter as soon as she is given the names of those involved. Mrs.
7 Hess also said the contractors will be paving the parking lot and lining spaces for
8 handicapped accessibility.

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10 * Councilperson Hendershot thanked the Street Department for repairing and painting the
11 flagpole at East End. He also thanked the Moundsville Volunteer Fire Department for the
12 use of their ladder truck to do the repairs.

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14 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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16 **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2017-2018 General Fund Budget**
17 **Revision #1.**

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19 Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by
20 Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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22 **Discussion and Approval of a Resolution for the 2017-2018 Coal Severance Budget**
23 **Revision #1.**

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25 Councilperson Hunt made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilperson
26 Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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30 * Councilperson Hendershot made a request to research the status of an alley between
31 Tomlinson Avenue & Morton Avenue and First Street & Second Street. This alley is near
32 112 Tomlinson Avenue & 113 Morton Avenue.

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34 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to revisit the fireworks ordinance at the policy
35 meeting, seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Councilperson Hendershot noted that
36 he will be out of town and will be opposed to any changes permitting fireworks in the
37 city.

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39 After some discussion between Councilperson Haynes and Councilperson Hendershot.
40 Councilperson Hendershot withdrew his second on the motion. Motion then failed for

1 lack of a second.

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3 * Councilperson Remke made a motion to discuss at the finance committee pool and
4 recreation finances. Motion died for lack of a second.

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6 * Councilperson Haynes said he was shown pictures a the splash pool at Olgebay and
7 feels the city needs to move in the direction of drawing children to the pool.

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9 Councilperson Hunt said that Grand Vue Park has a splash zone for the kids if anyone
10 wants to take a look at it.

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12 * Vice Mayor Wood asked if City Manager Hess or Mayor Saunders invited the group
13 interested in developing a community center at East End to a council meeting? Mayor
14 Saunders said he has not spoken to anyone yet, but he will contact the Gilbert's or Mr.
15 Tucker.

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17 * Vice Mayor Wood asked Mayor Saunders if he had spoken with Board Member Karen
18 Ali concerning a WVU Student to organize summer events for kids at East End. Mayor
19 Saunders said he will talk to her at the board meeting.

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21 * Vice Mayor Wood reminded citizens of the Back to School Fun Fair on Wednesday at
22 the former prison for children to get school supplies before school.

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24 * Vice Mayor Wood said he asked about a month ago as to when the baby pool will be
25 operational? Mayor Saunders said he is not sure when it will be open.

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27 * Councilperson DeWitt said she agrees with Councilperson Haynes to redesign the pool
28 toward children oriented water activities.

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30 * Councilperson DeWitt said she read in the Charleston Gazette that a law allowing
31 municipalities to take new measures against owners of dilapidated, abandoned properties
32 has gone into effect. Building Inspector Richmond is aware of the laws and is looking
33 into it.

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35 * Councilperson DeWitt reminded council of a ribbon cutting at the Long Johns Silvers
36 restaurant August 4, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.

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38 * Councilperson DeWitt asked if the city takes care of the sidewalks on Jefferson Avenue
39 or the businesses? Reports of weeds growing up around the trees. Manager Hess said she
40 already addressed the problem.

1 **MANAGER ITEMS:**

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3 **Re-Appointment to the Moundsville Housing Authority.**

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5 Manager Hess received a letter from the Moundsville Housing Authority requesting the
6 re-appointment of Mark Hitt to the board. Mr. Hitt will be serving a five (5) year term
7 expiring July 29, 2022.

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9 * Manager Hess received a “thank you” card from FRN for the city’s participation in the
10 food drive for “Hunger Doesn’t Take a Summer Vacation”. Also provided was a framed
11 picture of the can food collected and some of the participants.

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13 * Business After Hours is on July 27, 2017 from 5-7 sponsored by Main Street Bank.
14 There will be no charge for admission.

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16 * Marshall County Fair Ribbon Cutting has been scheduled for July 24, 2017 at 6:15 p.m.
17 at the Fairgrounds.

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19 * Manager Hess announced an open house for the updated Zoning Ordinances was last
20 week and was not attended by very many. Building Inspector Richmond said the
21 ordinance is almost ready for council’s approval.

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23 * Manager Hess announced she has been contacted by several individuals requesting
24 camping spaces when the RV Park is finished.

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26 **MAYOR ITEMS:**

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28 * Mayor Saunders asked for an update on the Morton Avenue house. Building Inspector
29 Richmond said the house has been posted and secured so nobody can enter.

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31 * Mayor Saunders commented on recommendations by council to improve the pool or add
32 child friendly activities. He asked how the Parks & Rec Board is suppose to do these
33 projects when there is no money. He feels the RV Park will bring in some funding to do
34 these projects.

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36 * Mayor Saunders feels the RV Park is coming along. The Street Department is doing a
37 good job.

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39 * Mayor Saunders said the Lions Club will continue the First Responders program.
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1 * Mayor Saunders made a motion to have an executive session for personnel matters after
2 the regular meeting, seconded by Councilperson Wood. Motion carried unanimously.

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4 **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

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8 1. Discussion of Cost & Feasibility of Auditing Cable Company Franchise Revenue by
9 City Attorney. Committee recommends instructing Attorney White to write a letter to the
10 Cohen Law Group involved in auditing the cable companies.

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12 Attorney White already wrote and sent the letter. He received a response this morning at
13 which time they requested a copy of the City of Moundsville's franchise agreement.

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15 2. Discussion of Request for Donation to American Legion Golf Scramble. Committee
16 recommends donating \$50 to the American Legion Golf Scramble.

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18 Vice Mayor Wood made a motion to donate \$50 to the American Legion Golf Scramble,
19 seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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23 1. Discussion of Revisions to Vacant & Dilapidated Building Ordinance. Committee
24 recommends to direct Attorney White to draft an ordinance repealing section 1107.01
25 through 1107.99 of the Moundsville City Code.

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27 Councilperson Haynes said after speaking with Building Inspector Richmond, he would
28 like to make a motion to revise this ordinance, not repeal it. He then made a motion to
29 take this ordinance to the Policy Committee for revision, seconded by Councilperson
30 Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

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32 2. Discussion of Repealing Article 158: Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners.
33 Committee recommends to direct Attorney White to draft an ordinance repealing Article
34 158: Board of Parks & Recreation Commissioners as well as Article 153: Cultural &
35 Recreation Commission.

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37 Councilperson Remke made a motion to direct Attorney White to draft an ordinance
38 repealing Article 158 & Article 153 of the City Code and draft an ordinance pertaining to
39 an advisory board, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

1 * Manager Hess reminded council members that council meetings and subcommittee
2 meeting in August have been set 1 week later than normal. Regular Council meeting will
3 be August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; Sub committee meeting will be August 15, 2017 at 5:00
4 p.m.; And Regular Council meeting will be August 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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6 **COUNCIL ITEMS:**

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8 * **DeWitt** - Nothing at this time.

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10 * **Wood** - Said he has been approached a couple of times to develop a light ordinance,
11 which would concern lights shining in peoples houses. He asked for this matter to be
12 researched.

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14 * **Haynes** - Reported a hole developing on First Street & Baker Avenue.

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16 * **Hendershot** - Requested a letter be sent to the owner of the back road from North Plaza
17 that enters onto Jefferson Extension. People have busted tires and wheels from the holes.
18 Councilperson DeWitt said it was her understanding that Auto Zone was suppose to help
19 with the repairs if they created a road onto that road.

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21 * **Hunt** - Complimented City Manager Hess and Public Works Director Stocklask for
22 moving forward on the RV Park.

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24 * Receiving complaint of citizen still letting off fireworks. And said how nice the city's
25 fireworks were.

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27 * City needs to modernize the Four Seasons Pool.

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29 * **Remke** - Thanked City Manager Hess and Sanitary Department for working on the
30 Poplar Avenue project.

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32 * Announced the Greater Wheeling Coalition for the Homeless presenting "Rock in the
33 Big House" concert on July 29, 2017.

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35 Councilperson Remke made a motion to go into executive session for personnel matters,
36 seconded by Councilperson Hendershot. Motion carried unanimously.

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38 Meeting recessed at 8:10 p.m.

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40 Meeting reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

1 Meeting recessed at 8:25 p.m.

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3 Regular session reconvened at 8:25 p.m.

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5 Councilperson Haynes made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Remke.

6 Motion carried unanimously.

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8 Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

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Sondra J. Hewitt, City Clerk

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