

**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA, COUNTY OF MARSHALL, CITY OF
MOUNDSVILLE, OCTOBER 17, 2017**

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

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Eugene Saunders.

Invocation was given by Councilperson Allen Hendershot.

City Clerk Hewitt called the roll and the following Councilpersons were in attendance: DeWitt, Haynes, Hendershot, Hunt, Remke, Wood and Mayor Saunders. Also present were City Manager Hess, Police Chief Mitchell, Public Works Director Stocklask, Building Inspector Richmond, Firefighter Brandon, CPA Kathryn Goddard and Attorney Thomas White and City Clerk Hewitt. Absent: Fire Chief Clarke.

MINUTES:

Regular Council Meeting of October 3, 2017.

Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the regular council meeting of October 3, 2017, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Council Meeting of October 3, 2017.

Councilperson Haynes made a motion to accept and approve the minutes of the special council meeting of October 3, 2017, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

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GENERAL PUBLIC HEARING:

* Rose Mary Patron, 48 Dexter Avenue, read in local newspapers of council labeling the Four Seasons Pool facility as a cash cow, white elephant and golden goose. Over the

years, due to neglect and no regular maintenance, the facility has deteriorated. She went on to say citizens depend on the pool to keep active and healthy. She feels if a person was hired with the passion, knowledge and enthusiasm of the facility, it would become a golden goose.

* Lewis Melchori, 208 Blaney Avenue, council needs to approach businesses for donations. And a Parks Director that is accountable for the monies going into the pool.

* Dave Norris, 2000 Fourth Street, asked council to hear public input after items are brought before council. Mayor Saunders said the city code places public input before the council meeting.

* Mary Lou Border, 12th Street, asked if council could apply for a grant like the City of Benwood received? Mayor Saunders said the City Manager has worked with Belomar to apply for the same grant.

* Cindy Norris, 2000 Fourth Street, said it seems that Mr. Craig White has too many things going on to be able to manager the city's Parks & Recreation Department. She feels the City Manager should be the person to hire a Parks & Recreation Director.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance Revising the Zoning Codes Articles 1331 through 1373 in the City of Moundsville. (Second Reading)

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNDSVILLE, WEST VIRGINIA,
AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING PART
THIRTEEN OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING
ORDINANCE IN THE CITY OF
MOUNDSVILLE. (SECOND READING)

Councilperson Hunt made a motion to accept and approve the ordinance for the new zoning codes, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the

following tally. 7 yeas. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Approval to Delay the Proposed Parks & Recreation Master Plan Submitted by Jim Christie.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to delay the Parks & Recreation Master Plan Proposal, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson DeWitt said she was told AEP will hook up electric this week and asked Manager Hess if anyone has inquired about renting camping spaces? Manager Hess said she spoke with a company who requested all 30 spaces.

* Councilperson DeWitt said she sees work may be started on 7th Street, did the Sanitary Department find out what the problem is? Manager Hess said Superintendent Larry Bonar is suppose to be running a smoke test and he will let her know the findings.

* Vice Mayor Wood asked Manager Hess asked how many people applied for the Parks & Recreation Director? She advised 5 applicants were received but she placed ads in the WVML website and the WVRPA (West Virginia Recreation & Park Association). The last day for applications is Friday, October 20, 2017.

* Councilperson Haynes asked in the advertisement for Parks & Recreation Director, does the applicant have to have a degree? Manager Hess advised yes.

* Councilperson Remke asked Attorney White if he researched the question as to whether or not Councilperson Hendershot should make the motion to put the police department renovations out for bid since he is a member of the Knights of Pythians? Attorney White said the information was not passed on to him, but he will research the question.

* Councilperson Remke asked Manager Hess if she was going to hire an RV Park Manager? She said there has not been but she could look at that when hiring a Parks & Recreation Director.

* Councilperson Remke asked Vice Mayor Wood to elaborate on the mention of an individual who was interested in working on some issues at the pool. Vice Mayor Wood said there was an individual with expertise on repairing pool pumps but he hasn't heard from him. Mayor Saunders said the person was suppose to repair the pool pump but things fell through. Councilperson DeWitt said the person was waiting on the city to contact him.

* Councilperson Hunt said she is still receiving complaints concerning the holes in the road behind the upper plaza. She asked that council discuss the option to fill those holes out of courtesy to the citizens that use the road. Attorney White said the city can, with the owners permission, fill those holes. Some council members were oppose to fixing the road.

Discussion and Approval of Placing Repairs of the Police Department Basement Out for Bid.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to place the repairs out for bid, seconded by Vice Mayor Wood.

Councilperson Haynes stated he didn't feel Councilperson Hendershot should make the motion.

Councilperson Hendershot withdrew his motion and Vice Mayor Wood withdrew his second.

Vice Mayor Wood made the motion to place the repairs out for bid, seconded by Councilperson DeWitt.

Mayor Saunders called for a voice vote. City Clerk Hewitt announced the following tally. 4 yeas, 3 nays. Haynes, Remke and Saunders voting nay. Councilperson Haynes protested Councilperson Hendershot's vote.

Attorney White will research the question of Councilperson Hendershot voting on repairs to the Police Department building. Councilperson Remke asked that Manager Hess look into USDA grant for the repairs.

Discussion and Renewal of the Hazardous Mitigation Resolution.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to renew the Hazardous Mitigation Plan by resolution, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment to the Moundsville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

City Manager Hess said she received three letters of intent for the Moundsville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. However, Peggy Richmond withdrew her letter due to her being a member of the Zoning Appeals Board. Eugene Saunders and Cindy Norris are the remaining applicants. Councilperson Remke made a motion to appoint Eugene Saunders and Cindy Norris to the Moundsville Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, seconded by Councilperson Haynes. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Items to be Discussed by Council.

* Councilperson Remke asked since the Health Plan sold some of their company, will that have any effect on the City of Moundsville Employee's Health Insurance? Manager Hess said it would not.

* Councilperson Remke asked if Police Chief could be designated the City's tax collector like the Sheriff is for the County? Attorney White said that is statutory, the Chief of Police can not be the tax collector for the city.

* Councilperson Haynes asked Manager Hess to contact somebody from the Department of Highways to paint directional arrows on First Street & Jefferson Avenue going west.

* Councilperson Wood requested an executive session after the regular meeting for personnel matters.

MANAGER ITEMS:

* Manager Hess informed council the ribbon cutting for the Riverfront boat dock ceremony has been changed from 2:00 to 1:00 p.m.

* Manager Hess reminded council of the celebration for David Dalzell on October 24, 2017 from 4-5:30 at Alexanders on 7th.

MAYOR ITEMS:

* Mayor Saunders said he, City Manager Hess, Vice Mayor Wood, Councilpersons Hunt and Remke attended an informational meeting at the WVU Reynolds Memorial Hospital with Congressman McKinley.

* Mayor Saunders asked Attorney White to define nepotism in the city code. Attorney White said the city has an ordinance pertaining to nepotism that keeps certain family members from working for the city. There is a definition that explains how closely related the family members can be. Attorney White will research that section.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Discussion of Recommendations by the Finance Committee.

Chairperson Wood read the minutes to the Finance Committee meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Policy Committee.

Committee member Hendershot read the minutes to the Policy Committee meeting.

Discussion of Recommendations by the Traffic Committee.

Chairperson Hendershot read the minutes to the Traffic Committee meeting.

COUNCIL ITEMS:

* **Remke** - Noticed citizens are posting signs and flyers on telephone poles and empty buildings for advertisement. He asked for citizens to keep the city clean by removing those signs.

* **Hunt** - Noticed the building at the corner of 3rd & Jefferson Avenue has placed curtains in the window which looks much better than before.

* **Hendershot** - Thanked Public Works Director Stocklask for the new Moundsville sign in the Council Chambers.

* **Haynes** - Asked Attorney White to explain the definition of “Vice Mayor”. He explained he is the chairperson and voting member of the Water Board. He was told he could not be Mayor or run for Mayor because of that position. Attorney White said he gave a written opinion a couple years ago that allows him to run for mayor but he could not reside on the Water Board. Attorney White explained the procedure for changing the charter.

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

* **Wood** - Moved to go into executive session for personnel matters, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

Regular meeting recessed at 8:24 p.m.

Regular session reconvened at 8:30 p.m.

Executive session began at 8:30 p.m.

Executive session adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Councilperson Hendershot made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Remke. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Sondra J Hewitt, City Clerk

Eugene Saunders, Sr., Mayor