

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**August 30, 2016**  
**7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Herman Reid led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, calling the Star City Council to order.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Herman Reid  
Recorder Janice Price  
Treasurer Amy Cobasky  
Attorney Paul Cranston  
Chief of Police Victor Propst  
Code Official David Friend

Councilor Darla Brown  
Councilor Dominick Claudio  
Councilor Todd Gregg  
Councilor Emma Luzader  
Councilor Jackie Renner  
Public Works – Kevin Nuce

Mayor Reid introduced Lea Hassler as the new Treasurer for the Town of Star City. She will be replacing Amy Cobasky who resigned to take another position with the City of Morgantown. Mayor Reid swore Ms. Hassler into office. Motion to confirmation the appointment of Lea Hassler as the new Treasurer.

1. Recorder Price
  2. Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes as transcribed by Recorder Janice Price.

1. Councilor Renner
  2. Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Bills to be Paid:**

Treasurer Amy Cobasky presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$76,588.63 dated Aug. 30, 2016:

1. Councilor Claudio
  2. Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented by Treasurer Amy Cobasky:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

**Police Pension Annual Report Certification-** Motion to accept Police Pension Annual Report Certification for 2015 – 2016.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Forensic Audit** – Councilor Brown informed Council that there were 4 resumes of qualified individuals to perform a forensic audit or fraud review and asked that council review them. Councilor Luzader then made a motion that the issue be referred to the Finance Committee to meet with Amy to see if there is enough funds available to have an audit performed, and if so, what the limited amount would be. She asked that a report be given at the next council meeting.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

**Code Enforcement of Condemned Houses and Junk Cars** – Councilor Brown asked Dave Friend to provide answers on dilapidated houses and junk cars located throughout the town, especially the house on the corner of Leeway and Pleasant Hill Ave.

**List of People Receiving Sanitation Services from the Town of Star City-** The Sanitation Committee had requested this information from the Utility Clerk several weeks ago and had not received the report. Mayor Reid handed Councilor Brown a copy of the report at the meeting which Treasurer Cobasky had compiled.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Sanitation Committee** – Councilor Brown stated that the Sanitation Committee had met on Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. In attendance were Darla Brown, Todd Gregg, Emma Luzader, Janice Price, Jackie Renner and Mayor Reid. Citizen Terry Musick was also in attendance. A copy of the minutes is attached.

**Ordinance Committee** - The Ordinance Committee met on Monday, August 8th at 6:15 PM. In attendance were Emma Luzader, Darla Brown and Janice Price. A copy of the minutes is attached.

**Beautification Committee** – The Beautification Committee will meet on Monday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to begin planning the Christmas Parade.

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

- **Treasurer Cobasky:** End of conversion to Freedom is in sight. Mary Lou is being trained on the new system.

- **Chief Propst:** The Chief reminded everyone of WVU's home football games for the next 2 Saturdays and the amount of traffic in the area. He also announced that Brad Paisley will be performing on Friday night, Sept. 9th. He also reminded everyone about the marathon which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 AM. Please come out and support the runners during this event.
- **Kevin Nuce:** Replacing gravel that has been washed away because of the heavy rains.
- **Code Official David Friend:** Application for partial work on Aldi's has been received. House on Herman Ave. is legal size; St. Mary's is advancing on their project; Tuscan Spa is projecting a finished date by the end of October.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Article 749.05 of the Codified Ordinances – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading** – Motion to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Article 749.05 of the Codified Ordinances.

1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**Budget Appropriation Request – Monongalia County Health Dept.** - Motion not to approve a donation to the Monongalia County Health Dept. in the amount of \$1,500.

1. Councilor Gregg
  2. Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**Roth & White Estimate to Prepare Annual Water & Sewer Reports to the Public Service Commission** – Motion to approve Roth & White's estimate in the amount of \$2,690 to prepare annual water & sewer reports to the Public Service Commission.

1. Councilor Claudio
  2. Councilor Renner
- Motion carried.

**Request from Marjorie George for Handicap Parking Space** – Motion to accept the request from Marjorie George to have a handicap parking space at 465 Kensington Ave.

1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**Motion from Frank Marra for Make-a-Wish Golf Tournament Donation** – Motion to decline request from Frank Marra for golf tournament donation to Make-a-Wish.

1. Councilor Renner
2. Councilor Brown

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Gregg, Claudio, Luzader, Brown, Renner, Price; NOES: Mayor Reid.

Motion carried.

**Request from Marjorie George (465 Kensington Ave.) re: Roto-Rooter bill reimbursement** – Motion to approve reimbursement in the amount of \$633.38 to Marjorie George for Roto-Rooter bill.

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Luzader

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Gregg, Claudio, Luzader, Mayor Reid; NOES: Brown, Renner, Price.

Motion carried.

**The Selling of Apartment Buildings in Residential Neighborhoods** – Councilor Brown asked that if an apartment building was being sold in a residential neighborhood, could the zoning go back to residential zoning. Attorney Cranston stated that it would have to go to the Planning Commission for any zoning change.

**Personnel Matters (executive session possible)** – Motion to move this item to the end of the agenda.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

**Storm Water – Kathy O'Brien** – Ms. O'Brien addressed council regarding an executive order received from the EPA (Order 8593) concerning changes to the Storm Water Ordinance 934 to incorporate the six watershed elements by December 12, 2016.

#### **PERMITS:**

**Donna Titus, 370 Pleasant Hill – Addition to house** – Motion for tentative approval for building permit at 370 Pleasant Hill Ave. providing all requirements are met and approved by the building inspector.

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

#### **CITIZENS:**

- **Anthony Sellaro, 525 Milford Ave., Morgantown, WV**– Mr. Sellaro stated that nothing has been done regarding condemned houses for the last 30 years. When is something going to be done? He also stated that the town does not need a forensic

audit; suggested an outside CPA be contacted to do an audit; town needs to get on financial good footing.

- **Margaret Carrico, Boyers Avenue, Star City, WV** – Ms. Carrico indicated that after pushing the button to cross the boulevard, none of the vehicles stopped to let her cross.
- **Ben O'Connor, 1457 Fenwick Ave., Star City, WV** - Mr. O'Connor indicated that it would be nice to get text messages or alerts from the Police Dept. and the city regarding important issues and events and be part of a citizen's group to help organize activities.
- **Karen Casciotti, Pleasant Hill Ave., Star City, WV** – Ms. Casciotti commented on the dilapidated houses.

Motion to go into Executive session at 8:33 PM to discuss attorney client privileged information regarding personnel issues.

- 1) Councilor Luzader
  - 2) Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

Motion to return to regular session at 8:42 PM.

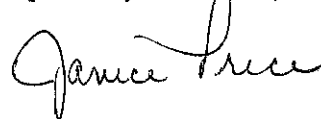
- 1) Councilor Claudio
  - 2) Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried.

**AJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 8:43 p.m.

1. Councilor Renner
  2. Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Price, Recorder



Herman Reid, Mayor