

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**September 19, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Herman Reid	Councilor Sharon Doyle
Recorder Bob Williams	Councilor Dominick Claudio
Treasurer Lea Hassler	Councilor Todd Gregg
Attorney Paul Cranston	Councilor Emma Luzader
Chief of Police -Tom Varndell	Councilor Cindy Ulrich
Code Official – Lanie Martisko	
Public Works – Phillip Davis	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from September 5th meeting as prepared by Councilor Doyle

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$81,338.09

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented a financial report updated through the end of August.

Motion to approve financial report as presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

**SPECIAL SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS:**

Morgantown Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce

Steve LaCagnin introduced himself and discussed how the Chamber can help grow businesses in Star City.

Eldon Callen spoke about his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce and the road bond.

Terri Cutright talked about the Chamber's involvement with all local municipalities.

**CITIZENS:**

Jeb Burke- 233 North Main St., Star City WV- inquired about the status of North Main St paving. He explained there is a high level of traffic from hotel and that North Main St. needs to be resurfaced.

Marcie Wiggins 250 North Main St., Star City WV - Reiterated points she brought up at the last meeting she attended. Is fearful for the safety of school buses and residents that use that road because it is still not paved

Louis Scotchel 1444 Saratoga Ave., Star City WV Complained that during WVU events it is very hard to get off of Brewer hill and reiterated that North Main St. is the only way in and out some days and that it needs to be resurfaced.

Albert Claudio- 3129 Greystone Dr., Morgantown WV -Stated that North Main St. would not need any engineering survey work done now because it was paved at one time when he was a child in Star City and it would just need to be resurfaced.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:****Treasurer Hassler:**

- Audit complete with exception of general fund for the 2015 & 2016 audit.
- Contractor from MUB has made 2 payments for the 2 quarters they have been working totaling \$49,000.00.
- Aldi made B&O tax payment for the remainder of the construction in the amount of \$58,000.00.
- Received reimbursement for use of Police cars on Easton Hill project in the amount of \$1580.00.
- 4 MUB Contractors working at plant have registered.
- Municipipay used for online payments does not charge city for credit card services whereas old system cost \$16,000 for 12 months. The credit card service fees are being passed on to the customer.

**Chief Varndell:**

Hired 3 temporary officers for 90 days to keep in compliance with state code in reference to civil service bylaw. Competitive test was given this past weekend for future hires. Mayor Reid explained to council the process he would like to move forward with once civil service says yes.

**Public Works Director Phillip Davis:**

City workers have been busy looking for a ghost water line leaks.

**Lanie Martisko:**

- Submitted August Building permits.
  - Gave a stop-work order to someone replacing siding and windows. Person came in and was issued a permit.
  - Aldi's received their building permit.
  - Demolition permit issued for 3411 University Ave. Asbestos abatement report received for this location. Plans will be submitted for mixed use building to be built at this location.
  - Fire at Hotel M. Will go to inspect and make sure they are up to code.
- Mayor asked Lanie to check with Jarrett Construction to get a new Star City sign back in place near St Mary's.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:** Asked for a motion to go into executive session at the appropriate time to discuss confidential client/attorney communication on personnel matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion to change meetings from November 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.**
  - 1.Luzader
  - 2.ClaudioMotion Carried

**Resurfacing 2<sup>nd</sup> block and intersection of North Main St. and Clover Ave.**

2 sealed bids were submitted:

- Parrotta Paving bid \$16,900.00 + \$338.00 (2% b&o tax) for a total of \$17,238.00
- Anderson Excavating bid \$15,494.00

Motion to vote on this agenda item and give Phillip Davis authority to choose best choice to **resurface (not pave)** the 2<sup>nd</sup> intersection of North Main St and Clover Ave.

1. Claudio
2. Gregg

Roll call: AYES: Gregg, Claudio, Williams, Mayor, Ulrich; NOES: Doyle, Luzader.

**Councilor Doyle** - informed citizens in attendance that she was in favor of all streets being paved, however needed to understand how and when the requirements regarding street paving changed.

**Motion to pay Roth & White PSC \$2720.00 for annual reports.**

- 1.Luzader
  - 2.Claudio
- Motion carried

**Neighborhood Cut through Concern**

Solutions discussed to cut down on traffic cutting through residential streets during peak hours including turning problem streets into one way streets and making some streets no left turn. Traffic committee meeting TBA.

**Roads to Prosperity resolution**

Motion to approve support of the resolution.

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

**Swearing in of new officials**

-Tom Varndell sworn in as new Chief of Police.

-Phillip Davis sworn in as new Public Works Director

**Executive Session**

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss confidential client/attorney communication on personnel matter 8:07pm.

- 1.Councilor Doyle
- 2.Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Motion to enter in to regular session 8:55

1. Doyle
2. Claudio

Motion carried

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 8:56

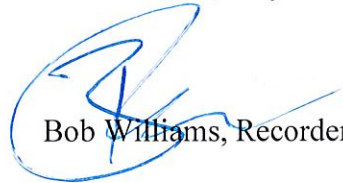
1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Herman Reid, Mayor



Bob Williams, Recorder

**Roads to Prosperity Resolution  
of the  
Town of Star City**

WHEREAS, a Special Election has been called on October 7, 2017 for the voters of the Great State of West Virginia to consider the Roads to Prosperity Amendment to our West Virginia Constitution that provides for the improvement and construction of safe roads in the state by the issuance of bonds not to exceed \$1.6 billion in the aggregate to be paid for from the State Road Fund and the collection of annual state taxes as provided by the Legislature by general law; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature in its most recent session passed the tax and fee increases to support this bond indebtedness desperately needed to fix and repair our rapidly deteriorating roads and transportation infrastructure now; and

WHEREAS, the cost of construction of our roads has increased 65% over the last 13 years and interest rates are low; and

WHEREAS, the passage of this referendum does not increase taxes; and

WHEREAS, Monongalia County is one of the fastest growing counties in the State and is faced with over \$400 million dollars of needed road improvements; and

WHEREAS, this Roads to Prosperity Amendment is part of a larger Roads to Prosperity plan that has \$240 million dollar earmarked for the immediate benefit of all travelers on our Monongalia County roads; and

WHEREAS, the traffic congestion in many parts of our cities and county have led travelers to leave the main arteries seeking shortcuts through our neighborhoods placing our children and residents in greater risk of injury; and

WHEREAS, part of the planned improvements represent the rerouting of over 7,000 cars daily off of these neighborhood streets; and

WHEREAS, our continued economic growth and development is very dependent upon an improved, efficient transportation infrastructure proposed in this amendment; and

WHEREAS, the failure of this referendum will place in jeopardy the future safety of our citizens, as well as the loss of any opportunity for future growth and development throughout the entire State of West Virginia.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the governing body of the Town of Star City, in view of the foregoing and our vision of a prosperous region in an equally prosperous state, do hereby RESOLVE that the Town of Star City provides staunch support for the Roads to Prosperity Amendment of 2017 and we ENCOURAGE all voters of the Great State of West Virginia to vote YES on this referendum.

Entered in Council: September 19, 2017

Resolved by Council: September 19, 2017

Attest:

  
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Bob Williams, Recorder

  
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Herman B. Reid, Mayor

