

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
April 24th, 2018
7:00 P.M.

Recorder Bob Williams led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, calling the Star City Council to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Herman Reid (absent)

Recorder Bob Williams

Treasurer Lea Hassler

Attorney Paul Cranston

Chief Tom Varndell

Code Official – Lanie Martisko

Public Works Phillip Davis

Councilor Sharon Doyle

Councilor Dominick Claudio

Councilor Todd Gregg

Councilor Emma Luzader

Councilor Cindy Ulrich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from April 10th meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams. Attorney Paul Cranston asked that it be noted that Ryan was present and the absent be removed from his name

1. Councilor Luzader

2. Councilor Ulrich

Motion carried

TREASURER'S REPORT:

BILLS TO BE PAID

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$34,568.82

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Ulrich

2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to approve financial report updated for March 31st.

1. Councilor Luzader

2. Councilor Ulrich

Motion carried

SPECIAL SPEAKERS: None

CITIZENS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beautification Committee- Councilor Ulrich reported that the revitalization reception at Terra Café was well attended and received a lot of good feedback. The town is awaiting feedback on designs.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Treasurer Hassler:

Submitted application for new police pension.

Chief Varndell : Nothing

Lanie Martisko:

Posted 4 vehicles and 2 properties for maintenance issues. Keeping busy with rental registrations.

Phillip Davis:

-Rubber mulch was delivered and installed at playground with the help of some WVU Greek organizations.

-Working on storm water issues. Discovered a sinkhole and may possibly have to run 600ft. of new storm/sewer line.

Councilor Luzader thanked Lea for the notices that were put out for spring clean up. She also reminded Code Inspector that all new permits must come before council and asked Chief Varndell when police court is scheduled. She also thanked Phillip and city workers for getting the river mulch installed efficiently.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Fair Housing Resolution (read by recorder Bob Williams)

Motion to approve Fair Housing Resolution

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Sealed paving bids for the paving of North Main St. and Broadway Ave.- were opened and reviewed :

Sealed bids from Parrotta Paving, Landscapes Plus and Anderson Excavating.

Wolfe's Landscape Plus- \$17,175.00

Parrotta Paving- \$16,800.00

Anderson Excavating- \$50,668.00

Anderson Excavating's bid could not be accepted because it was submitted improperly with black top included in proposal.

Motion to accept bids from Wolfe's Landscape Plus and Parrotta Paving and give Phillip Davis final decision after reviewing each bid.

Roll Call

Ayes: Gregg, Claudio, Doyle, Williams, Ulrich and Luzader.

Noes: none

Council pay for special meeting:

Motion that council is not paid for attending special levy meeting that was attended April 17th

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

Curbside Recycling:

Councilor Luzader asked Phillip Davis for an update on our curbside recycling program. There are concerns the program is costing us too much. Phillip stated what we are paying for bags, vehicle, and manpower etc., and we are losing money doing curbside recycling. Phillip contacted Mr. Giambone but has not received a return call. Phillip was asked to email Commissioner Tom Bloom for suggestions and he may also contact the City of Westover for information on their recycling program.

Motion to table curbside recycling until May 8th meeting.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

2018 Resurfacing and Patching Projects

Councilor Luzader asked Phillip Davis what his plans were for resurfacing and patching the streets. Phillip replied his plan would be to pave the 2nd and 3rd block of Springdale Ave. and the first block of Congress Ave. They plan to start patching potholes possibly Thursday, but this depends on the outcome of the sinkhole issue.

Sign for Tugboat play area:

Councilor Luzader requested that signage be installed in Tugboat depot that shoes be worn at all times and that City is not responsible for accidents.

Town Hall Signage:

Councilor Luzader requested better signs for Town Hall entrances, interior offices, and to replace home made signs.

Past Due Utility Accounts:

Councilor Luzader asked what can be done to collect past due accounts. Treasurer Hassler stated that the town is owed \$80,059.00 from 695 accounts. These are older accounts and our business practices did not include asking for Social Security Numbers or other significant identifying information. We did not start collecting SS #'s until Chessica started working as our Utility Clerk. Lea was asked to look into turning the accounts over to a collection agency.

Motion to table past due utility accounts until May 8th.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Business Reporting and Paying B&O Tax:

Motion to send all businesses an informational letter about B&O Tax reporting and to include it with their utility bill. Councilor Luzader will assist staff with preparation of the letter.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Wine and Liquor Tax received:

Councilor Luzader asked how our town wanted to proceed in making sure its gets what is due. Attorney Paul Cranston stated that he has been in contact with multiple departments in Charleston trying to get proper numbers for allocation.

Motion to table Wine and Liquor tax allocation:

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion Carried

Municipal Service Fee:

Councilor Luzader requested council's input on implementing a municipal service fee. Councilor Doyle stated that most workers in Star City are part time and minimum wage and wouldn't be fair. No action taken.

Permits: none

Motion to adjourn made at 8:07

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor (Absent)

Robert Williams, Recorder

