

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
May 22nd, 2018
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	Councilor Sharon Doyle
Recorder Bob Williams	Councilor Dominick Claudio
Treasurer Lea Hassler	Councilor Todd Gregg
Attorney Paul Cranston	Councilor Emma Luzader
Chief Tom Varndell	Councilor Cindy Ulrich
Code Official – Lanie Martisko	
Public Works Phillip Davis	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from May 8th meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams.

1. Councilor Gregg
 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 \$73,553.11, which includes p-card charges for April.

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Ulrich
 2. Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried

FINANCIAL REPORT

Motion to approve financial report updated for April 30th.

1. Councilor Luzader
 2. Councilor Doyle
- Motion carried

SPECIAL SPEAKERS:

Mary Wimmer-Morgantown Area Paddlers-Ms Wimmer is leading the Star City riverfront revitalization project with regards to the proposed new boat dock and kayak/canoe launch. She discussed our sunken boat dock at the riverfront area and requested a purchase order from our town so the new boat dock and kayak/canoe launch could be ordered from EZ Dock. They have sent letters to various groups soliciting donations/grants for the project and are waiting for responses of potential donations of over \$10,000.00. The total cost of the project is \$38,000.00 and will be offset by the donations/grants received. We will use Hotel Occupancy Tax dollars to fund the project.

Council cannot vote on a purchase order until the next council meeting but she was assured it would more than likely pass as council is on board with this project. Mary was asked to relay this information to EZ Dock so that the docks can be ordered in good faith and the project would not be stalled for another 6 weeks. Mayor Reid also pointed out that the 190k we have in the Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund can only be used for tourism projects and the kayak launch will be good for bringing events back to the river front.

CITIZENS:

Hector Caraballo, 516 Kensington Ave.-

Offered to donate his time to help cut down trees and trim grass.

Thanked Star City police for monitoring his street and ticketing speeders.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Past Due Utility Accounts- Credit Collections will not charge a fee unless they collect money.

They will retain 25% of money collected.

Herman spoke with PSC- only stipulation is if you go back 10 years you have to have written paperwork for accounts, 5 years would be verbal, validation, balance due, dates of last service, statements of former clients. Attorney Paul Cranston asked if there was a contract and asked to see it if there was.

Motion to use Credit Collections in an attempt to collect \$80,000 in past due utility bills owed to the city.

1.Councilor Luzader

2.Councilor Claudio

Motion Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer Hassler: None

Lanie Martisko:

-Received tentative plans for Steak and Shake which will be built across from Texas Roadhouse.

-Linda Kosten's building on University Ave. has been rented for 15 years by a physical therapist.

-Keeping busy with rental inspections and property maintenance and has mailed out a few warnings.

-Mayor asked Lanie to get a list of dump trucks crossing over the trail into MUB area on Leeway St..

Chief Varndell :

New hires are doing very well and writing a lot of tickets for speeding and running stop signs.

Councilor Luzader asked Chief to enforce the ordinances that prohibits fishing off the docks and feeding the ducks

Phillip Davis:

- Spring cleaning went well and crews have been patching potholes,etc. No update from Parrotta paving regarding start of work on North Main St. and Broadway Ave.

-Met with Broadway resident about drainage in his yard.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Paul Cranston stated that a Star City resident was very complimentary of the job Chief Varndell is doing.

NEW BUSINESS:

Restricted animals in Star City

Councilor Luzader brought it to council's attention that there is no ordinance preventing residents from owning farm animals etc. within the city unless they become a nuisance. Suggested we implement an ordinance prohibiting large livestock. Read a few examples from other cities to draw ideas from. Paul Cranston asked her to forward some examples to him.

Motion to move to executive session to discuss personnel issues based upon personnel exemption cited in state code.

1. Councilor Luzader
 2. Councilor Ulrich
- Motion carried

Motion to return to regular session 8:07 p.m.

1. Councilor Doyle
 2. Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried

Motion to adjourn made at 8:08 p.m.

1. Councilor Doyle
 2. Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,



Herman Reid, Mayor



Robert Williams, Recorder

