

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
July 17th, 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 June 19th meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams.

1. Councilor Claudio
 2. Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried

BILLS TO BE PAID

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$189,097.01 (including p-card charges of \$75,954.40).

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Doyle
 2. Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried

SPECIAL SPEAKERS: none

CITIZENS: none

Mary Wimmer - 361 Laurel St –Stated cement will be poured on July 20th for new Kayak launch. Hopefully the launch will be installed next week. Almost 17k has been raised so far and more donations and grants are coming in.

Bobby Doyle - 518 Springdale Ave. - Is against user fee that is being discussed by the city. He also inquired why business license in Star City are so high. Would like to try another road bond and educate the citizens before the vote.

Mr. Lynch - (did not state address) not totally against fee but needs to look out for his employees as well.

Anthony Sellaro - 525 Milford St. –Asked whether 84 lumber is still paying for the billboard by

the bridge. Mayor Reid said he had contacted the Sabraton location and was directed to call Joe Hardy at the 84 headquarters. He also stated we need to get on the TIF money for sidewalks on University Ave. He asked council to contact county commission for funds to design a plan. Also added that he felt the workers who use our streets should pay the fee to cover road costs and not put the fee on the backs of our residents, a lot of which are elderly and retired and don't even drive on the roads.

Sylvia Buzby - 510 Crawford- Asked how the funds for the proposed city fee would be allocated if it passed. Mayor explained that it would have to be used for infrastructure, sidewalks, paving, or police dept. and that it would be collected from employees, not residents.

Pete Vannoy - Congress Ave.- Agrees with Bobby Doyle's opinion about user fee. Asked about trail plans that were proposed by Vaike Haas at June 19th meeting. Mayor explained it was a walking trail to get to the new school and will not connect down to the rail trail.

James Gaston - 1388 Fenwick Ave. - thanked mayor for his quick response to the letter he sent about the Municipal Service Fee. Suggested giving up 1% B&O and implement a 1% sales tax. Recommended that the city contact Eldon Callen to help start TIF procedure.

Robby Murray - Mountaineer Towing. Until he sees Chipps Hollow road fixed he doesn't feel he should have to pay on a proposed fee. Mayor brought it to his attention that Chipp's Hollow is a state road and he has contacted the DOH and they refuse to pay for any repairs.

Mindy Garrison - 221 Wildwood St- Stated she hopes user fee would be spread evenly among the city departments and that she appreciates the Police presence that she sees patrolling her neighborhood.

Helen Waterman - 416 Springdale Ave. Said she too appreciates the increased Police patrols. She does not want to see another fee on her water bill.

John with Star City VFD – is opposed to the proposed city fee.

George Raddish - Broadway Ave.-Proposed that stop sign be removed from Broadway crossing Fenwick for what he says is safety reasons in the winter with the steep incline. Also remarked that he has been ticketed twice for running stop signs and brought in photos claiming that the signs were obscured. Expressed his displeasure that the municipal court clerk was speaking during his court appearance.

Helen Derrico - Kensington Ave.- asked how user fee would be applied to contractors that temporarily work in the city and who work in multiple cities will be charged.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer Hassler:

-Sent out 6 RFP's for the required audit to CPA firms and they have until the July 29th to return their proposals at which time we will score them and vote on which one to use.

Lanie Martisko:

- 8 building permits for June -Collected \$478.62
2 Violations for property maintenance sent out as well as 1 tenant complaint. Still doing weekly rental inspections and is working with Nikita on the getting contractor book together.

Phillip Davis:

-2 trees on Canton Ave. need cut down because they are becoming a hazard. Crews are replacing bigger accounts with more efficient water meters as well as painting curbs and edging.
-1996 Volvo is in shop and needs transmission work. Suggested we put it up for sale to recoup some money.

Chief Varndell:

June had 630 service calls, 192 traffic stops, 12,465.00 in fines issued. Councilor Luzader asked Chief Varndell if the officer at the academy has signed a contract with us and he stated "yes" it was signed.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

United Way Gold Sponsorship. A citizen had asked the city to be a sponsor for a golf tournament supporting Stepping Stones. It was declared the city could not participate.

Duck Race at waterfront park-

Motion to approve closing the waterfront park from Friday evening August 10th through the day of Saturday August 11th for annual duck race.

1. Councilor Luzader
 2. Councilor Claudio
- motion carried

Municipal Service fee-

Mayor said he will make calls to get more responses.

Permits: none

*Councilor Luzader asked if a lease agreement with MUB for the riverfront park area had been finalized. Mayor said it had not as of yet.

-Asked for update on Police dept offices in basement.

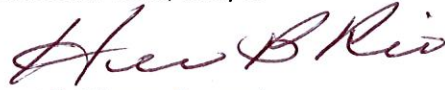
-She also suggested selling Star City property on Boyers Ave. as it is costing us money. Councilor Luzader requested the mayor contact Attorney Aman to verify the Town of Star City along with the County Commission has the right to sale the property. She requested the mayor contact the county commission about the issue and to also obtain the amount owed on the property and then the issue could be brought before council for a decision.

Motion to adjourn made at 7:50p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read "Herman Reid", written in a cursive style.

Robert Williams, Recorder

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Williams", written in a cursive style.