

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**July 31st, 2018**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Could not be approved due to lack of Council members present.

**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Could not be approved due to lack of Council members present.

Total bills for this period are 42,792.72. Including CVB contribution for June and Mid Atlantic landscaping.

Attorney Paul Cranston suggested that in the interest of the city Lea is to pay bills without the approval of the council.

**Financial Report**

Financial report updated numbers ending June 2018. Could not be approved due to lack of Council members present.

**SPECIAL SPEAKERS:**

**Evan Hansen and Evan Fedorko- Downstream Strategies Environmental Consultants.**

Provided a summary of solid waste system in Mon County to try and reduce waste consumption in the County. Requested a representative from Star City to be present at a summit.

Mayor Reid offered to send Public works director Philip Davis to attend.

**Anna Withrow- Brownfield Redevelopment.**

Would like to implement the Mon River Towns Program in Morgantown and help develop our waterfront with a local task force that would be formed to push projects forward. Inquired about using space in our town hall for meetings.

**CITIZENS:**

**Jim Gaston 1388 Fenwick St.**

Inquired about any developments with the proposed service fee and reiterated that a 1% sales tax was a better idea. Mayor reiterated that we are not a Home Rule city and that we could not implement such a tax.



**Mary Wimmer-** Stated that the docks are being installed and updated on grant money that is coming in.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**-Municipal Service Fee** - Councilor Luzader asked Attorney Paul Cranston if there was anything prohibiting the town from exempting non-profits and first responders from the fee.

**-Alcohol Tax-no update**

**-Collection of Old Utility Accounts- no resolution.**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: none**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

**Treasurer Hassler:**

-Sent out 6 RFP's to CPA firms and had 1 returned. Contacted state auditor and was informed she would need letters from the remaining 5 firms stating they declined to bid and the town would not have to score audits and could award the contract to the firm that responded.

-Received tax payment from Ulliman Schutte in the amount of 121k for the last quarter.

**Lanie Martisko:**

- 8 building permits for July, 2 pending
- 2 business inquiries.
- 5 notices of violation sent.
- 14 rental inspections
- Property on Pleasant Hill Ave. has one year to raze or repair and was given final notice.

**Phillip Davis (absent): Mayor Reid made his statement**

-Signs at tugboat depot regarding safety have been installed.

-Shrubs around at the town hall, tugboat depot and Memorials are trimmed.

-Tree across from March-Westin was removed.

-Old power pole along Springdale Ave. was removed

-All old flags were replaced with new ones.

-Rusty caution sign at the corner of Crawford Ave. and University Ave. was removed

- All 74 streetscape lights are being converted to LED which will cost \$3300.00 but will save the town money in the future.

-Streets are being cleaned and curbs painted.

-Progress is being made with basement offices.

- Docks are being installed for new kayak launch.

**Chief Varndell:**

July had 659 service calls and collected \$10,410.00 in fines.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

The sign ordinance is still being worked on but it is being sorted out so it is consistent and not confusing.

**NEW BUSINESS:**



**-Purchase of Mini Excavator – no action**

**-Dog Warden Services Agreement**

Considering using Star City employees to round up stray animals that are non-vicious to avoid paying fees per call to Dog Warden. This issue is tabled until next meeting.

**-Budget Allocations/Reduction in non-essential spending--**Councilor Luzader will be suggesting on ways to reduce spending for council to vote on.

-Councilor Luzader asked if the Mayor has heard anything about the MUB lease agreement for the riverfront area. Mayor has not heard anything.

- Councilor Luzader asked if our town received insurance money for the light pole that was damaged from a vehicle accident at the corner of Boyers and University Ave., Chief Vardell said it has been received.

- Councilor Luzader asked if the Mayor had contacted Mr. Aman or just Eldon Callen regarding the sale of properties on Boyers Ave. Mayor said he had just tried to contact Eldon Callen.

**Motion to adjourn made at 7:55p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Rejd, Mayor



Robert Williams, Recorder



