# TOWN OF STAR CITY Council Meeting January 28, 2020

7:00 P.M.

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

Mayor Reid recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order.

#### ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Herman Reid

Recorder Steven A. Blinco

Treasurer Lea Hassler

Town Attorney Paul Cranston

Public Works - Phillip Davis

Code Official - Lanie Martisko

Chief of Police - Tom Varndell

Councilor Sharon Doyle

Councilor Dominick Claudio

Councilor Todd Gregg (Absent)

Councilor Emma Luzader

Councilor Bob Williams

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes:

- 1. Councilor Luzader
- 2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

### Bills to be Paid:

Motion to pay the bills as presented by Treasurer Hassler in the amount of \$99,386.47

- 1. Councilor Doyle
- 2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

### **Financial Report:**

Updated for December 31, 2019

Motion to accept the financial report as presented.

- 1. Councilor Doyle
- 2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

# SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS: (None)

#### **CITIZENS:**

Dee Dee McIntosh (532 Herman Avenue)

- Consideration of new non-discrimination ordinance for Star City
- Similar to the ordinance adopted by the Morgantown City Council
- Social and Economic Issues and Concerns / Asking for more Legal Protections

John Kisner (Candidate for Sheriff)

- Shared his platform and ideas for the position of Sheriff

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)** 

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (None)** 

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:** 

### Treasurer Lea Hassler

- Continued work with the OpenGov Program

# <u>Code Official - Lanie Martisko (None)</u>

# Chief of Police - Tom Varndell

- New Officers to start classes in March... Target Graduation Date is July 31

# Public Works - Phillip Davis

- Continued work on Storm Drops
- Working on preventative maintenance
- Cleaning out town garage for storage of town vehicles (Trucks, Garbage, ect.)

# ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: (None)

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### Purchase of new Server / Computers

- Upgrade from Windows 7 ---> Windows 10
- Exploring all possible options to fulfill town's needs
- Pursuing (2) separate Servers (Police & Main Office)
- Also considering Cloud-based service options

### Personnel Handbook Updates / Changes

- Asking Ordinance Committee to explore changes to the Handbook including gender identity, sexual orientation, workplace protections. (Distribute Copies)
- Also consider updating to newer terminology used in our Handbook
- Ordinance Committee Meeting will be scheduled to discuss on February 11

Motion to consider updating our Personnel Handbook to reflect newer terminology.

- 1. Councilor Luzader
- 2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

#### Sewer Rate Increase

- Experiencing deficits in the sewer due to costly repairs and replacements.
- Consider slightly raising rates to help repair and replace aging sewer lines.
- Proposing to replace the aged terra cotta lines to help reduce our costs.

Motion to allow Phillip Davis to contact the PSC to discuss sewer rate increases.

- 1. Councilor Claudio
- 2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried.

PERMITS: (None)

### **EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE SESSION (Closed to the Public)**

Motion to go into Emergency Executive Session (Emergency Legal Matter)

- 1. Councilor Williams
- 2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried.

Motion to return to Regular Session

- 1. Councilor Doyle
- 2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Reid, Lea, Lanie, & Phillip met with Miracle Marijuana (Dispensary / Pharmacy) Considering moving business into Star City (Will update us at next meeting)

# **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steven A. Blinco, Star City Recorder

Herman Reid, Star City Mayor