

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**August 17, 2021**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**PRELIMINARIES:**

Mayor Reid recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Reid called the meeting to order.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor - Herman Reid	Councilor - Sharon Doyle
Recorder - Steven A. Blinco	Councilor - Todd Gregg
Treasurer - Lea Hassler	Councilor - Lynette DeChristopher
Town Attorney - Paul Cranston (Absent)	Councilor - Cindy Baniak-Ulrich
Public Works - Phillip Davis	Councilor - Tina Talerico-Iquinto
Code Enforcement - Bob Doyle	
Chief of Police - Tom Varndell	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Bills to be Paid:**

Motion to pay the bills as presented by Treasurer Hassler in the amount of \$7,843.61 (July) & \$55,948.12 (August).

1. Councilor Ulrich
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the financial report (July 31, 2021) presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Ulrich

Motion carried.

**SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS:**

Monongalia County Solid Waste Authority (Lynn Castro)

- Working to better communicate with Municipalities
- Sharing information about future dates / events for citizens
- We will add future dates / events to Star City Event Calendar
- September 25, 2021 (8:00-12:00) / Tire Recycling at Sam's Club

MMMPO (Bill Austin)

- Comprehensive Plan (Renewal)
- Shared options with Council to renew plan / gather citizen input
- MMMPO has 2 Tasks to look at which are the Long-Range Urban Transportation Plans and to Approve the use of all Federal Funds by DOH in our area
- Citizens may visit [www.planttogether.org](http://www.planttogether.org) to learn more about the MMMPO

**CITIZENS:**

540 Herman Avenue, Shinie Masters

- Recent flooding issues / Storm drain concerns

561 Herman Avenue, Jim Morris

- Recent flooding issues / Storm drain concerns
- Asking about plans moving forward to address flooding issues

536 Westwood Avenue, Dorris Moore

- Recent flooding issues / Storm drain concerns

544 Westwood Avenue, Jason Statts

- Recent flooding issues / Storm drain concerns
- Damage Claims with County (FEMA) / Adding more Storm Water Pipes

1380 Fenwick Avenue, Peyton Fireman

- Recent flooding issues / Storm drain concerns
- Past issues with running new / additional pipes
- Questions about Town recycling & costs associated

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (None)**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS: (None)**

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

**Treasurer - Lea Hassler**

- Finalized Agreement with the Cohen Law Group (Franchise Agreements for Atlantic Broadband, Comcast Renewal, Clear Fiber & DQE Comm)
- MUB Water/Sewer Increases - must begin work on increasing our rates to pass along the MUB increase

- B&O Tax Payments & Business License Renewals
- RFP 2021-22 Audits have arrived from the State

#### **Code Enforcement – Bob Doyle**

- Sign Permits (4 are still outstanding)

#### **Public Works – Phillip Davis**

- Still dealing with Storm Water issues
- Grass Cutting and Weeding jobs continue
- Addressing flooding issues / clearing pipes
- Attempting to upgrade may pipes around the Town

#### **Chief of Police – Tom Varndell**

- New Firearms have arrived
- Crown Victoria car in service
- Preparing for University / Football Traffic

**ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS: (None)**

**RECORDER’S COMMENTS:**

#### **MAP (July 30), Russ Rogerson**

- Meeting in Star City
- Discussed future economic development potential in Town

#### **CVB (August 10), Susan Riddle**

- Meeting in Star City
- Councilor Doyle & Treasurer Hassler
- Discussed what the role of the CVB is, especially the tourism aspects

#### **Broadband Meeting (August 11), Mon County Commission**

- Meeting in Mon County Commission Chambers
- Recorder Blinco, Mayor Reid & Treasurer Hassler (Remote)
- Asked to identify our critical infrastructure in Star City
- Asked to provide link to our citizens for interest in broadband
- Next Meeting: September 28 Shareholders / September 29 Public

#### **MMMPO (August 13), Bill Austin**

- Meeting at Mon County Courthouse (MMMPO Offices)
- Discussed Comprehensive Plan options going forward & funding issues

#### **Census Data Released (August 13)**

- State Population Down (3.2%) / Mon County Population Up (9%)
- Star City Population is Up (Nearing 2,000)

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Star City Council Meeting Time**

- Will remain at 6:30 through the New Year.

### **FY2022 Dog Warden Services Agreement**

Motion to approve the FY2022 Dog Warden Services Agreement and to allow for a one-time payment in full.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Recorder Blinco

### **FY2021 PSC Annual Water & Sewer Reports**

Motion to approve Roth & White PLLC to complete the FY2021 PSC Annual Water & Sewer Reports.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

### **Transition to County Elections**

Motion to create a Resolution to Transition to the Mon County Election calendar.

1. Councilor Talerico
2. Recorder Blinco

### **FY2022 Budget Revisions #2**

Motion to approve the FY2022 Budget Revisions #2 (\$23,221.00 Refund from Cancelled Rail Trail Project through DOH)

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Talerico

### **Comprehensive Plan**

- Addressed topic in the Recorder's Comments

### **Crosswalk on Frontier Avenue**

Motion to develop a plan with Arts Mon to paint a new patriotic crosswalk near the JFK Memorial at the Riverfront.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Ulrich



## **Tugboat Depot Playground**

- Phillip & Crew will continue to pursue issues that arise at the playground
- Councilor DeChristopher & Recorder Blinco will reach out to the WVU Graphic Design Students to inquire about possible painting / mural options

## **Police Department**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Motion to enter Executive Session.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion to return to Regular Session.

1. Recorder Blinco
2. Councilor Doyle

**PERMITS:** (None)

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 P.M.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Steven A. Blinco", written over a horizontal line.

Steven A. Blinco, Star City Recorder

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Herman Reid", written over a horizontal line.

Herman Reid, Star City Mayor

