

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
April 19, 2022
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 \$248,927.74

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Ulrich

Motion carried.

Motion to approve financial report (March 31, 2022) presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS:

Susan Riddle (CVB)

- Presented the 2021 Annual Report for the VMC / CVB

Mike Nestor / Jeff Parabeck (Ascent)

- Hoping to build a 2-Story / 12 Apartment Unit (Brick Building)
- Mayor has requested that this be TABLED and until a full review is conducted by Bob Doyle (Code Enforcement)

Marvin Neuman / Himan Bhatia (Hotel M)

- Part Owners
- Planning to tear down all of Hotel M
- Planning to construct tall, steel structures
- Planning to construct affordable luxury housing (200 Units)
- Gated Community with Indoor Pool, Gym, Underground Parking
- Proposed Name: Maple Grove (WV Symbolism)
- Hoping to begin in 6-8 weeks (Summer months)

CITIZENS:

Carla Alley (668 Congress Avenue)

- Concerned with Water Rate Increases
- Enjoys the new trail signs and historical tie-ins
- Proposed "First Fridays" at the Riverfront Park

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee

- March 16 Meeting
- March 23 Meeting

*Farmers Market will begin on June 10 from 3:00 – 7:00 PM

Planning Committee

- Next Meeting on April 18

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer – Lea Hassler

- 2021 Financial Audit has been completed.

Code Enforcement – Bob Doyle

- Requesting that Council return to a 2 Meeting per Month schedule

Public Works – Phillip Davis

- Spring Work Continues
- Parotta Blacktop set to begin (Brewer Hill and others)
- Removed sandbox from playground (Tugboat Depot)
- Added rubber mulch in places around the playground
- Employee Leaving (Kyle Latotia), Now Down a CDL

Chief of Police – Tom Varndell

- Increased Patrols
- Planning to retire effective June 3, 2022

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: (NONE)

RECORDER'S COMMENTS: (NONE)

NEW BUSINESS:

Second Reading of Article 925 – Sewer

Motion to approve the reading of Article 925 (Sewer).

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried

Second Reading of Article 929 – Water

Motion to approve the reading of Article 929 (Water).

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

First Reading of Article 1321.01 – Height & Area Regulations (Schedule of Regs.)

Motion to approve the reading of Article 1321.01 – H & A Regs. (Schedule of Regs.)

1. Recorder Blinco
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried

YCF Funds

- Council was made aware of funds.
- No Motion taken at this time.

Dunn Engineering vs. Potesta Engineering

Fred Hypes (Dunn Engineering)

- Discussed issues of State and Federal Funding
- Explained mixture of both Loans and Grants for projects
- Discussed Congressional Set-Asides (Streets, Sewer, Water)

Motion to retain the services of Dunn Enterprises Engineering in the future.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

Motion to reach out to Region 6 (Sheena) to begin the Procurement Process.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried

Human Rights Ordinance

- No Motion taken at this time.

Longevity Pay

- Pending a review by Lea Hassler, Town Treasurer***

Motion to increase Longevity Pay to \$60.00.

1. Councilor Ulrich
2. Councilor Talerico

Motion carried***

FY2023 Budget – Approval & Laying of the Levy

Motion to Approve the Levy Rates (FY2023 Budget).

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

Employee Handbook Changes (Vacation & Holiday Time)

Motion to make changes to the Employee Handbook, regarding vacations & holidays.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried

April Fair Housing Resolution

Motion to approve the April Fair Housing Resolution.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried

Towing Lease

- Any new updates?
- Free Towing (City Limits)
- Checking with the City Attorney on the status of the Lease

Motion to TABLE until the next Meeting.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

Personnel / Budget

Motion to enter Executive Session.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

Motion to return to Regular Session.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried

Motion to end the cleaning services at City Hall effective July 1, 2022.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

PERMITS: (None)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Talerico

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Blinco, Star City Recorder



Herman Reid, Star City Mayor