

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
May 17, 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
Recorder – Steven A. Blinco
Treasurer – Lea Hassler
Town Attorney – Paul Cranston
Public Works – Phillip Davis
Code Enforcement – Bob Doyle
Chief of Police – Tom Varndell

Councilor – Sharon Doyle
Councilor – Todd Gregg
Councilor – Lynette DeChristopher
Councilor – Cindy Baniak-Ulrich
Councilor – Tina Talerico-Iquinto

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 \$97,986.47

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried.

Motion to approve financial report (April 30, 2022) presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Ulrich

Motion carried.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS:

Swearing-In of New Star City Police Chief

- Jessica Colebank

Dan Miller (Potesta)

- Survey of Fenwick Avenue to the river have been completed.
- Concerns about current sewer and manhole areas.

CITIZENS: (NONE)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Personnel / Budget (Executive Session)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee (Councilor Doyle)

- Great progress being made on the updated Comprehensive Plan
- Next scheduled meeting will be June 13, 2022 @ 6:30

Officers Named for Comprehensive Plan Committee:

President - Solly

Vice-President - Hunt

Secretary - Morris

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer - Lea Hassler

- Farmers Market Grant
- Applying for initial \$1,000.00 / Eligible July 1

Code Enforcement - Bob Doyle

- 524 Congress Avenue (George Attella)
- Discussing permits granting a house & a house to be build later (both approved)
- 526 Congress Avenue (Building Permit has expired)

Motion to allow 526 Congress Avenue to reapply for a new building permit.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Recorder Blinco

Motion carried

Public Works – Phillip Davis

- Routine Grass Cutting
- Work continues on Riverfront Park area
- Planning to run additional electric throughout the Park
- Maintenance and cleaning around the Boat Dock
- Marking Spots for Vendors at the Farmer's Market (30+)
- Completed Repairs for a large water leak (Boyers / University)
- Paving in town to begin in 3 weeks (Parotta)

Chief of Police – Tom Varndell

- Reported to Council on the drowning in Star City
- Classified as a Boating Recovery Accident
- 7 hr. search was completed / Body was recovered
- Retiring effective June 3, 2022

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

- Thanked Chief Varndell for his year's of service to the town.

RECORDER'S COMMENTS:

- Council Approved the mailing of a letter to U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg regarding the construction and new improvements to Exit 155 (Star City Exit). Per the request of the MMMPO & Monongalia County Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Motion to approve the 2nd reading of Article 1321.01 – H & A Regs. (Schedule of Regs.)

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Talerico

Motion carried

Resume Bi-Monthly Meetings

Motion to resume Bi-Monthly Meetings.

3. Councilor DeChristopher
4. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

Discontinuation of Residential Recycling

Motion to discontinue residential recycling effective July 1, 2022.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

***Continuation of residential recycling in the future contingent on changes in prices / opportunities.

Purchase of a New Lawn Mower

Motion to approve the purchase of a new lawn mower used to maintain the town's properties and paid for out of the Hotel / Motel Taxes.

1. Recorder Blinco
2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel / Budget)

Motion to enter Executive Session regarding Employment & Compensation.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried

Motion to return to Regular Session.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried

Mayor Out of Town

Motion to give Councilor Doyle the Mayoral Powers of the Town of Star City from June 2 - June 13 when Mayor Reid will return.

ROLL CALL VOTE - ALL APPROVED

Motion carried

PERMITS:

Steak & Shake

- Working with Fire Marshall & DOH
- Permits will be issued soon (Weeks)
- Examining B&O Taxes

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.

1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Steven A. Blinco", written over a horizontal line.

Steven A. Blinco, Star City Recorder

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Herman Reid", written over a horizontal line.

Herman Reid, Star City Mayor