

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**December 5th, 2017**  
**7:00 P.M.**

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Herman Reid	Councilor Sharon Doyle
Recorder Bob Williams	Councilor Dominick Claudio
Treasurer Lea Hassler (absent)	Councilor Todd Gregg
Attorney Ryan Umina	Councilor Emma Luzader
Chief of Police -Tom Varndell	Councilor Cindy Ulrich
Code Official – Lanie Martisko	
Public Works – Phillip Davis	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from November 21st meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams with revisions made by Councilor Luzader.

1. Councilor Claudio
  2. Councilor Cindy
- Motion carried

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
**BILLS TO BE PAID**

Treasurer Lea Hassler (absent) emailed bills to be paid prior to the meeting in the amount of \$87,539.69

- Motion to pay the bills as presented:
1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried

**SPECIAL SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS:**

-**Mary Wimmer of Morgantown Area Paddlers/Kayak launch** – Reported that the kayak launch is out of the river for the winter. Discussed a site visit from EZ-dock rep Jerry McEntire from NC and WVU landscape professor Haas to discuss bank erosion around the gazebo and site design.

**CITIZENS:**

-**Lois Sellaro**- 1292 Jacobs Drive read off a list of requirements that she was required to meet

when she built her apartment building 3 years ago on University Ave. and is inquiring about the building being built on University Ave. by Linda Kosten that doesn't appear to be under the same restrictions. The Mayor told her someone will get back to her on the issue.

**-Bobby Doyle** -Springdale Ave.: Opposes Stafford Ave. being turned one way. Says we need to have more police presence instead and that many citizens will be inconvenienced if the street is turned one way.

**-Anthony Giambrone**- Congress Ave.: Opposes Stafford Ave. being turned one way. Would like to see that Chief Varndell have a chance to get his squad together to start enforcing traffic since we have been understaffed for months.

**-Andrew Laskody**- Broadway Ave.: Opposes Stafford Ave. being turned one way. Agrees that something needs to be done to slow traffic but this is not the answer. Does not approve of seeing police cruisers monitoring traffic on University Ave. during peak traffic hours when many cars are cutting through back streets.

**-Denny Fox**- Boyer's Ave.: Opposes Stafford Ave. and explained his difficulties getting home and to his mothers house on Broadway.

**-Jan Baniak** -443 Pleasant Hill Ave- explained that she thinks Stafford is dangerous and is in favor of the Stafford Ave. direction change.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Beautification Committee met to finalize Christmas parade Monday November 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Minutes are attached,

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

**Treasurer Hassler:**

Absent

**Chief Varndell:**

-Day to day operations are running smooth.  
-The 90 day temp officers are coming to the end of their employment and he is hoping the town can hire more officers in January as well as give the civil service test.

**Public Works Director Phillip Davis:**

- Aldi's water meter is in and city is waiting on MUB to finalize installation.

**Code Enforcement Office Lanie Martisko:**

-7 permits issued and \$477.00 in permit fees collected.  
-Kensington/Fenwick property with multiple unregistered vehicles to be fined.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:** Attorney Ryan Umina-will ask Paul about looking into ADA requirements for University Ave new construction.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**-2018 Town of Star City Employee Holidays**

Motion to approve proposed 2018 employee holidays

Roll call vote- Ayes -Gregg, Claudio, Williams, Doyle, and Mayor Reid.

Ulrich and Luzader Abstained from voting

**-January Council Meeting Schedule**

Motion to Cancel January 2nd meeting.

1. Councilor Doyle

2. Councilor Claudio

Motion Carried

**-Council Pay**

Councilor Ulrich discussed changing our council's absence pay policy. Currently council is allowed up to three absences per year with pay. Councilor Ulrich discussed changing the ordinance to no longer pay a councilor if they are absent from a meeting. No action taken

**-Shop with a Cop**

Chief Varndell announced that 'Shop with a Cop' will be December 12th at University Town Center Walmart : 6, 6:30 and 7. Several volunteers will be there to assist the children with shopping and council is welcome to come and help.

**-Town of Star City Donation to Shop with a Cop**

Motion to donate \$1,000.00 to 'Shop with a Cop' and revise the budget to reflect this donation.

1. Doyle

2. Claudio

Roll call – Ayes: Gregg, Claudio, Williams, Doyle, Mayor Reid, Ulrich, Luzader

Noes: none

**-Purchase of a New PD Cruiser**-Recently our 2014 Ford Taurus police cruiser was involved in an accident and the insurance deemed it a total loss and paid the Town \$12, 863.00. Chief Varndell proposed using the insurance money towards a new 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV.

Motion to approve the purchase of a 2017 Ford Interceptor SUV from Country Roads Leasing at a total cost of \$27,939.00, minus the \$12,863.00 insurance check as a down payment, and financing the remaining balance of \$15,076.00 for a three year term.

1. Claudio

2. Doyle

Motion carried

**-Concerns regarding Stafford Ave. being turned into a one way street.**

Motion to table Stafford Ave. direction change.

1. Claudio

2. Doyle

Motion carried

**Permits:**

Builder requested to build multi-family structure at 512 Herman Ave. Property is not zoned for multi-family.

-Kathy O'Brien will no longer be working for Town after the end of this year.

-Town purchased 48 steel folding chairs at Sam's Club. This will help with us not having to rent chairs for the Memorial Day Ceremony or any other public function.

Motion to Adjourn 8:22

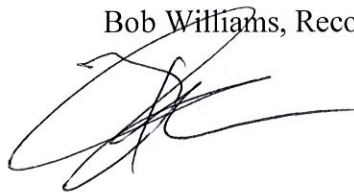
1. Councilor Doyle
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor

Bob Williams, Recorder

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bob Williams', written over the typed name.