

**TOWN OF STAR CITY**  
**Council Meeting**  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**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	Councilor Todd Gregg
Attorney Paul Cranston	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 January 15th meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams.

1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried

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

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$29,462.75

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor Ulrich
- Motion carried

**Financial Statement:** Motion to accept the Financial Report as prepared by Treasurer Lea Hassler.

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

**SPECIAL SPEAKER/PRESENTATIONS:**

**Mary Wimmer** gave an overview of progress pertaining to the proposed kayak launch being planned for installation at the Star City waterfront along with Rotary president. First major design steps are done. Narrowing down top designs with Vaak. Received a grant from Clif foundation for \$7,000.00. She provided print outs for members of council with costs and detailed plans.

The group has contacted Kayak Fisherman groups in Huntington and planning on having a tournament on the Mon in 2019 and are also writing grants to get funds for signs.

### **CITIZENS:**

**Bobby Doyle 518 Springdale Ave-** stated that the Star City VFD is under WV State Code 7-17-12 (7-17-12. **County fire service fees; petition; election; dedication; and increase**). This would prevent them from implementing a fire fee.

**Jan Baniak- 443 Pleasant Hill Ave.** Thanked the Chief and mayor for addressing Jan-Care issue about litter. Asked about removing a parking space in front of Jan-Care that is obstructing visibility to pull out into University Ave. Also asked about an update on the plan to turn Stafford Ave. one way going south.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **Establish a new Star City Planning Commission-**

Steve Blinco, Anthony Sellaro, Dominick Claudio, Brad Jakeway, Lea Hassler were nominated by Mayor Reid.

The members must be residents of Star City, therefore Anthony Sellaro and Lea Hassler are not eligible.

Motion to table Planning Commission selection

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Doyle

motion carried

#### **Establish a new list for Board of Zoning Appeals**

5 people were nominated:

Robert Doyle & Lyn DeChristopher for 3 years, Jackie Hess & James Luzader for 2 years and Willa Jarvis for 1 year.

#### **Motion to accept nominees**

Roll call

Ayes: Gregg, Claudio, Williams, Mayor Reid, Ulrich

Abstained: Doyle, Luzader

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

-Ordinance Committee: Councilor Luzader read the Ordinance Committee minutes from the meeting held on January 23, 2018. The minutes are attached.

-Traffic Committee: Councilor Ulrich announced a Traffic Committee meeting will be held February 8, 2018.

### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS**

**Treasurer Hassler:** none

**Chief Varndell :** none

**Phillip Davis-**

- Workers have been busy keeping up with various water leaks around town.
- Kyla Latocha was hired as a new Public Works employee.
- His department has a dump truck they don't use that we need to sale.
- His staff wanted council to know they are very appreciative of their benefits and holidays.

**Lanie Martisko:**

- Announced she will be starting full time on Thursday, Feb 1.

**ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:** none

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Implementing Fire Fee**

- Star City VFD members were present and are researching ways to generate income.

**Municipal Judge Position-**

-Todd Johnson was relieved of his duties in January. Mayor Reid will take over as the new Municipal Court Judge effective Feb. 1. The Mayor will complete the required training offered by the Municipal League in August; the training is required annually and will be paid for by the town; the background check and the 'Oath of Office' was completed and is on file; Tim Squarcette will perform the duties of the Municipal Court Judge in the Mayors absence since he has taken the training; Tim Squarcette will continue to take the annual training; and the mayor will be receiving the same compensation as Mr. Johnson (\$600.00 per month).

**Hiring Full Time Code Enforcement/ Building Inspector Position-**

-The funding for this position was included in the 2017 budget. The Mayor hired Lanie Martisko for this full time salary position effective Feb 1. This position will be assigned the white Jeep for use while on duty.

**Status Update- Stormwater Specialist Position (formerly held by Ms. O'Brien)**

-Councilor Luzader inquired if we needed to hire for this position. Ms. O'Brien is no longer working for the Town of Star City. The Mayor stated we are currently not hiring anyone. Our Public Works Director and Code Enforcement Officer will be taking care of the stormwater issues.

**First reading Chapter Three Article 311.05 – Prohibition of Operation and Use of Motorized Recreational Apparatus.** The Article was read by Recorder Bob Williams.

Motion to approve first reading

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried

**Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund Payback-**

Councilor Luzader asked Treasurer Lea Hassler for her input on our ability to make payments to this fund. Treasurer Hassler stated we currently owe the fund \$98,000.00

**Consideration of Changing Council Meetings to Once a Month-**

No action taken

**Permits-** none

**Mayor Comments:**

The Mayor announced the 2018 Polar Plunge will not be held at Star City. It will be held at Cheat Lake.

**Motion to adjourn made at 8:20**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor



Bob Williams, Recorder

