# TOWN OF STAR CITY Council Meeting February 13th, 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 Recorder Bob Williams Treasurer Lea Hassler Attorney Paul Cranston Chief of Police -Tom Varndell Code Official – Lanie Martisko Public Works – Phillip Davis (absent) Councilor Sharon Doyle
Councilor Dominick Claudio
Councilor Todd Gregg
Councilor Emma Luzader
Councilor Cindy Ulrich

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve minutes from January 30th meeting as prepared by Recorder Bob Williams.

1.Councilor Luzader2.Councilor ClaudioMotion carried

# TREASURER'S REPORT: BILLS TO BE PAID

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$123,034.17 (including p-card charges of 79,656.46)

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

- Councilor Claudio
   Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried

### CITIZENS:

**Jan Baniak- 443 Pleasant Hill Ave**. Thanked the council for being instrumental in getting Pleasant Hill Ave. cleaned up.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

# Star City Planning Committee Appointments-

Mayor nominated Steve Blinco, Jackie Hess, Brad Jakeway, Dominick Claudio & Lea Hassler. (Jackie Hess was moved from BZA to planning committee. Andy Laskody was moved from the Planning Commission to the BZA(to replace Jackie.)

Councilor Luzader asked Attorney Paul Cranston if he looked into the bylaws to see if Lea Hassler is eligible because the code states that you must be a Star City resident to serve on committees.

These appointments were tabled were tabled by Mayor Reid.

# Hotel occupancy Tax fund payback

Treasurer Lea Hassler stated she would start paying back the hotel occupancy tax fund in increments of \$2500.00 per month.

Motion to approve Second reading Chapter Three Article 311.05 Prohibition of operation use of motorized recreational apparatus.

- 1. Councilor Luzader
- 2. Councilor Ulrich Motion carried

# **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **-Ordinance Committee**: Councilor Luzader read the Ordinance Committee minutes from the meeting held on February 6th, 2018 at 7pm. Persons present were Mayor Reid, Councilor Ulrich and Councilor Luzader. They reviewed part 7 Business and Taxation chapter 1. Questions were forwarded to Code Enforcement Officer Lanie Martisko for help with definitions of contractor, handyman contractor and the contracted job amounts. The next meeting was scheduled for February 20<sup>th</sup>. The meeting minutes are attached.
- -Traffic Committee: Councilor Ulrich announced a Traffic Committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Present were Councilor Ulrich, Councilor Luzader, Recorder Bob Williams and Councilor Gregg as well as Citizen Janette Baniak. Janette voiced her concerns about the amount of traffic on Stafford Ave. and would like to see that street turned one way going south. Councilor Gregg suggested closing all side streets at peak time from 3pm-6pm with Star City residents being exempt by being given a window decal to permit them to use the street with the cost estimated at 1200 decals for \$3,000.00. Also discussed was the need for a letter to be sent to the county commission and the DOH to get changes made to the light pattern at the Star City Bridge as well as the possibility of having a lane just for the traffic coming off of Boyers Ave.

The committee also discussed turning Kensington Ave. one way from University to Fairfield St. due to the amount of traffic and parking issues near the entrance. Code Enforcement will be asked to notify the residents on Kensington Ave. by letter that the one way suggestion will come up for a vote. The meeting minutes are attached.

**-Finance Committee**: Councilor Claudio stated that a meeting was held and they discussed possible changes to the budget and also the fire fee. No new meetings have been scheduled.

#### SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Treasurer Hassler: none

Chief Varndell: none

#### Phillip Davis- absent:

Mayor Reid commented that city workers completed the job at University Commons and commended the street crew for working hard in bad conditions and saving the city money.

#### Lanie Martisko:

- 6 permits issued in January. She has one pending sign permit. Has been working to get ordinances for the rental and contractor licenses up to date as well as working with Nikita to get delinquent B&O taxes situated for those that are delinquent. A letter was sent to Jan Care and Beauty Bar about cleaning up the property. Mayor Reid asked about the roll out dumpster that Tuscan Sun spa has been using and whether it needs to be replaced with city dumpster. Councilor Luzader asked for an update on Clearfiber and whether code enforcement office Martisko had heard from them. Lanie stated she had not. Paul Cranston suggested sending a certified letter.

# **ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:**

Addressed Councilor Luzader's concern regarding residency issue for Planning Committee.

Motion to table Star City Planning Committee appointment.

- 1. Councilor Luzader
- 2. Councilor Ulrich Motion carried

Attorney Paul Cranston also asked if anyone knew the procedure of how these updated ordinances are getting into the books. Lea let him know she is taking care of having the ordinance books updated.

Attorney Paul Cranston also stated that the code books are outdated and should not be used. Suggested getting online to look up codes until books are updated with the new legislature that has been passed in the last few years.

# **NEW BUSINESS:**

# First reading 3 Article s

As read by Attorney Paul Cranston, incorporating all 3 of the following into one ordinance:

1791.07 Grant letter of compliance: expiration

1791.08 Inspection report; Notification; written Agreement

1791.09 Abatement of occupant noncompliance

Motion to approve first reading

- 1. Councilor Luzader
- 2. Councilor Ulrich Motion Carried

# Bids to sell 2004 Ford dump truck and 2006 police cruiser

Motion to advertise bids to sell 2 vehicles.

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

# Change to the employee handbook

In the instance of a labor shortage for an extended amount of time, the employee may apply to trade in vacation time for pay. Application must be made in writing. Vacation leave may only be paid out upon approval of application from the Mayor and department head.

Motion to approve change to employee handbook allowing employees to trade time for pay.

1.Claudio 2.Gregg

Roll call:

Ayes- Gregg, Claudio, Williams, Doyle, Mayor Reid, Ulrich

Noes- Luzader Motion carried

Councilor Luzader asked to have the bathroom electric meter-at rail trail checked into because they are running continuously.

# Motion to adjourn made at 7:45

Councilor Claudio
 Councilor Gregg
 Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor

Bob Williams, Recorder