

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
May 8th, 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 (absent)

Chief Tom Varndell

Code Official – Lanie Martisko

Public Works Phillip Davis

Councilor Sharon Doyle

Councilor Dominick Claudio (absent)

Councilor Todd Gregg

Councilor Emma Luzader

Councilor Cindy Ulrich

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve minutes from April 24th 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 \$25,619.67

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Luzader

2. Councilor Doyle

Motion carried

SPECIAL SPEAKERS:

Albert Claudio, 3129 N Greystone Dr., Cheat Lake. Asked city council for direction on how to handle influx of drug dealers that rent properties across from his rental properties on Brewer Hill. Discussed reforming neighborhood watch program and displayed a sign that he plans to put near suspicious homes. Councilor Doyle replied that the city has hired new officers and the police are doing a great job patrolling the streets. Mr. Claudio also stated he was in favor of the \$3 service fee for people who work in Star City and thinks that the funds should be used solely for paving city streets.

Mary Wimmer- Paddlers organization.

Thanked Phillip Davis and the city crew for bring the kayak launch pieces down to the river. Stated there were 75 comment forms received from the public meeting at Terra Café. Handed out draft of final rendering for riverfront renovation. Once she gets permission from city they will start costing out different phases. Clif Bar will decide on their grant for project by the end of May. She hopes Mylan will also donate money for the project.

Mayor Reid stated that he spoke to local attorneys about drawing up a long term agreement with MUB for use of their property.

CITIZENS:

Hector Caraballo- 516 Kensington Ave- complained of repeat speeders driving down his street everyday and asked for a speed bump to be installed. One particular driver makes hand gestures when asked to slow down. Mayor Reid told him it would be brought up to traffic committee and signs could possibly be installed.

Bill Kawecki- Mayor of Morgantown- Asked if Star City would like to be involved in MonCom bimonthly meetings to better communicate between municipalities. Mayor Reid agreed that Star City should participate to help create solutions for problems in the area.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Curbside Recycling- Phillip Davis said that he talked to Anthony Giambrone of Mon Co Solid Waste Authority and was told that everyone has to pay to dump recycling, suggested that the city raise the garbage rates so the city can break even for this service. It is costing the city \$900 a month to run curbside pickup. If we discontinued, the city would add 9 tons per month to their dump fees. Mayor Reid suggested absorbing the cost and keeping the service. Councilor Doyle stated that not everyone recycles and it wouldn't be fair to have everyone pay more for garbage to cover this service.

Past Due Utility Accounts-

Lea provided information from 2 credit collection companies that would take on our past due accounts. One had a rate of 25% and another that takes 45%. She was asked to contact PSC to make sure we can pursue this money.

Wine and Liquor Tax received-

Lea said she has not had any calls returned to her.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: none

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS

Treasurer Hassler:

none

Chief Varndell :

Responded to 292 calls, 72 were traffic stops on back streets totaling \$5,945.00, 1 armed robbery at Hotel M.

2 new officers have been on duty full time.

Lanie Martisko:

1 building permit pending for University Commons to put patio around pool.

Tagged 2 cars, 36 rental inspections and 3 verbal warnings about property maintenance.

Phillip Davis:

-Random sinkholes have popped up and caused delays on patching streets. Paving contract with Parrotta Paving has been signed and work will be completed within 45 days from May 7th (June 20).

-Councilor Ulrich asked Phillip if handicap parking signs that are no longer in use can be taken down. She also stated that shrubs in front of Best Western are causing a blind spot when pulling out onto Boyers.

-Councilor Doyle asked how the city charges a business for a dumpster to which he replied that every business pays \$10.75 per cubic yard.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: none

NEW BUSINESS: none

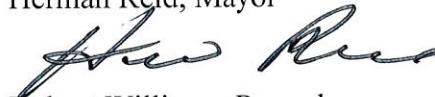
PERMITS: none

Motion to adjourn made at 8:09

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

Respectfully submitted,

Herman Reid, Mayor



Robert Williams, Recorder

