

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
May 21, 2024
6:00 P.M.

PRELIMINARIES:

Mayor Doyle recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Doyle called the meeting to order.

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor - Sharon Doyle	Recorder - Steven A. Blinco (absent)
Chief of Police - Jessica Colebank	Councilor - Todd Gregg
Finance Director - Lea Hassler	Councilor - Lynette DeChristopher
Town Attorney - Jenny Wroblewski	Councilor - Dr. Gregory Epps (absent)
Public Works - Phillip Davis	Councilor - Andy Laskody
Code Enforcement - Bob Doyle	Councilor - Jim Morris

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minute from the previous meeting.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bills to be Paid:

Motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$173,256.34 as presented by Finance Director Hassler:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Motion to approve the financial report (month ending April 30, 2024) as presented by Finance Director Hassler:

1. Councilor Morris
2. Councilor Laskody

Motion carried.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS: (none)

CITIZENS:

Deb Morris - 561 Herman Avenue - Morgantown, WV

- Inquired as to the date of the Community Wide Yard Sale.
- Mayor Doyle confirmed the date of Saturday, July 27, 2024.

Danielle Trumble - 1141 Charles Avenue - Morgantown, WV

- Addressed the on-going issues with the homeless population along with recent challenges that have developed in the social services network.
- Requested that the surrounding municipalities work together to provide support to address these issues.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- Councilor Laskody arranged for JD Signs to provide a demonstration for a digital sign last week in anticipation of being able to purchase with pending approval of grant money. Due to the cost, other options will need to be identified.
- Reminder of Community Clean Up Day at Riverfront Park on Friday, May 24, 2024. This event will allow for community outreach with DEP requirements.
- Election totals for the number of Star City voters was not confirmed, however based on results published prior to canvassing, the decision to move the election to run consistent with the county elections has allowed for more than double the number of voters than have voted in recent elections.
- Paving is complete on the 1.5-mile section of the Star City rail trail. This project was funded with a Federal Transportation Alternatives Grant submitted by Mon River Trails Conservancy.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Parking - Discussion was held on the recent ordinance update requirements of no parking on streets less than 20 feet. Mayor Doyle, Phillip and Chief Colebank will discuss further and make recommendations at the next council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Event/Beautification Committee - Committee Chair Todd Gregg reminded all that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 27th at the JFK Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. with the picnic to follow at St. Mary's Church.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer - Lea Hassler (none)

Code Enforcement - Bob Doyle: (none)

Public Works - Phillip Davis

- Spring Clean Up is complete.

Chief of Police - Jessica Colebank

- Presented council a letter from Officer Layton regarding a medical emergency he assisted at Olive Garden restaurant in which a young child was with his father and the father suffered a medical emergency. The TLO software the town has purchased enabled Officer Layton to locate the child's mother and make her aware of the situation.
- Submitting a federal grant tomorrow to provide the necessary equipment to strengthen community safety and protect the public from violent crime.
- Informed council of an incident at the Tugboat Depot play area that supports the need for "No Smoking Signs".
- Equipment installation will be complete on 2 of the 4 vehicles purchased with grant money and the vehicles will be arriving on May 30, 2024.
- Informed town council that the current town ordinances do not include use of golf carts and side-by-sides on city streets.
- Chief Colebank and Officers Layton and Gamble attended the Street Cop Training Conference.
- Chief Colebank recently attended an FBI Seminar representing the Police Chief's Association.
- Interested in holding community events to show public awareness of police responsibilities.
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RECORDER'S COMMENTS: (none)

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS: (none)

NEW BUSINESS:

Second Reading Article 1509 - WV State Fire Code-

Motion to approve the second reading to adopt the WV State Fire Code:

1. Councilor Laskody
2. Councilor Morris

Motion carried.

Second Reading - Article 705 - Contractor Licensing-

Motion to approve the second reading of Article 705 to allow for a yearly only contractor licensing fee of \$90 and replace "Recorder" with "Business Office" throughout the ordinance:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Consideration of Streets for Paving-

Motion to approve the following streets for paving:

- Fairfield Street from Mansfield intersection to Springdale intersection
 - Sherwood Street
 - Sommerset from Congress intersection to Broadway intersection
 - Speed Bump on 400 block of Crawford Avenue
 - Speed Bump on 200 block of Wildwood Street
1. Councilor DeChristopher
 2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

Grant Writer Agreement

Motion to approve the Grant Writer proposal submitted by Compass Grant Management Solutions:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

PERMITS: (none)

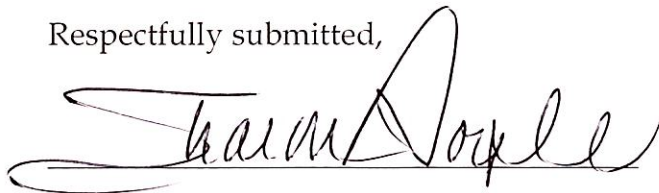
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:40 P.M.

1. Councilor Laskody
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Doyle, Star City Mayor

**Mayor Doyle prepared the minutes in the absence of Recorder Blinco*