

Town Of Star City

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**TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
May 24, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

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

ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Herman Reid
Recorder Janice Price
Treasurer Amy Cobasky
Attorney Paul Cranston
Chief of Police Victor Propst
Code Official David Friend

Councilor Darla Brown
Councilor Dominick Claudio
Councilor Todd Gregg
Councilor Emma Luzader
Councilor Jackie Renner
Public Works Director Kevin Nuce

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the minutes as prepared by Recorder Price.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bills to be Paid:

Treasurer Amy Cobasky presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$ 26,039.94 dated May 24, 2016.

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

Financial Statement:

Motion to accept the Financial Statement as presented by Treasurer Amy Cobasky:

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Luzader

Motion carried.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

- **Parrotta-CTL** and Parrotta had a meeting without informing Kevin or the Mayor. Mayor spoke with Lee who advised the meeting went well. Sidewalk in question has been removed.
- **Tuscan Sun**-Concrete retaining wall for elevator did not work. Steel I-beams will be driven into the ground on the sidewalk side, at least 7 have been placed already. Lots of water running into the elevator hole.
- **Ordinance 1101.03e**-we are getting complaints of grass in the streets. Letters of compliance are being issued.
- **Will be attending the Municipal League Conference at Stonewall Jackson Resort on 08/02-08/05.** Instead of using the hotel, Mayor will stay in his RV which saves the town money, as RV parking is \$127.00/3 nights, where the lodge is \$450.00/3 nights. The registration for the Conference itself is \$250.00

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Form of Government** – Attorney Cranston looked into the form of government for the town and reported the following: The WV Code presumes all cities have the Mayor/Council form of government; Mayor and Council are the governing body. Council is the governing body and the Mayor is the Chief Administrator, Officer of the Town. Council has given the Mayor power in specific instances which reflects attributes for a strong mayor.
- **Councilor Brown** – Were permits issued for the construction of new homes on Herman Avenue and Sherwood Street? Was Albert Claudio, Jr. issued a building permit without council's approval? Building Inspector Dave Friend replied yes.
- **Councilor Renner** – Was a site prep permit issued for the construction on Herman Avenue and was it approved by Dave Friend? Permit was issued by Kim Hatton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Beautification Committee:** The Beautification Committee met on Monday 05/16/16. In attendance were Chairperson Price, Councilors Luzader, Renner, and Brown, and Public Works Director Kevin Nuce. A copy of the minutes are attached.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

- **Amy Cobasky, Treasurer:** Still working on utility bill conversion.
- **Public Works Director Kevin Nuce:** Working on patching potholes and getting caught-up on grass; also getting everything ready for Memorial Day service. Indicated the spring clean-up went well.
- **Chief Propst:** informed Mayor and Council about a heroin epidemic training session to be held on Wednesday, June 15 at Fairfield Inn from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. He encouraged everyone to attend if possible. The armed robbery at the EconoLodge was drug related.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT, CONT:

- **Code Official David Friend:** spoke about 3 vacant houses: House on Pleasant Hill Avenue to be spruced-up; 2 houses on Congress Avenue to be torn down. He also reported it would be a couple of months before Aldi's applied for a building permit.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Councilor Gregg:** inquired about the Sanitation Ordinance that the committee has been working on. Councilor Luzader stated it was done except for solid waste containers.
- **Councilor Claudio:** recused himself from Executive Session due to discussion of building permit issued to his father. He also indicated there are changes happening in the town and we should have faith in the professionals handling these issues.
- **Council Renner:** commented on the following items:
 1. High grass and weeds that need to be cut down.
 2. The pontoon boat on Congress Ave. that was supposed to be moved and hasn't.
 3. Someone on council didn't turn their application form in before the deadline.

A motion to have Recorder Price look into the election filing of all applicants to see if everyone complied with turning their application in by the deadline of Jan.31st by midnight.

1. Councilor Brown
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

- **Recorder Price:** inquired about Ordinance 509.05 (i) General Offenses Code which states the following: "The erection, including excavation, demolition, alteration or repair of any building in a residential or business district, other than between the hours of 7:00 am and 6:00 pm on weekdays, except in the case of urgent necessity in the interest of public safety, and then only with a permit from the building inspector, which permit may be renewed for a period of three (3) days or less while the emergency continues."

PERMITS:

- **Gail Hartley, Herman Avenue, Permit to Construct New home:** Wait to discuss until Executive Session.

CITIZENS:

- **James Gaston, 1388 Fenwick Street:** commented on the following items:
 1. There should be a systematic process for permits – the ordinance should be followed that states that all permits should come before council.
 2. Need to start working the way the comprehensive plan was stated.
 3. Tuscan Sun – wall and parking lot done without permit.
 4. Disappointed that the mayor and council are not working together and moving forward.
- **Anthony Sellaro, 525 Milford St, Morgantown:** commented on the following issues:
 1. Questioning why the procedures for building permits are not being followed; process has always worked in the past; council need times to look at permit; need to follow governing ordinances.
 2. Tuscan Sun didn't have permit before starting on the wall which is unattractive.
 3. Council can revoke any permit which has been approved without their approval.
 4. Everyone needs to follow rules and work as a team not as individuals.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion enter Executive Session to discuss confidential attorney/client information regarding permits.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

Motion to return to regular session.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

Motion to amend Emma's motion to have Dave Friend attend Executive Session.

1. Councilor Renner
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

Motion enter Executive Session at 8:33 pm.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

Motion to return to regular session at 9:02 pm.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

PERMITS:

- **Gail Hartley, Herman Avenue, Permit to Construct New Home:**
Motion to approve permit for Ms. Hartley.
 1. Councilor Luzader
 2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

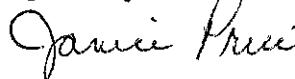
ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 9:07 p.m.

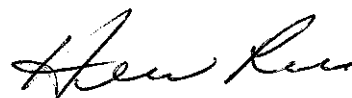
1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Price, Recorder



Herman Reid, Mayor