

Town Of Star City

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**TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
July 7, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mayor Herman 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 Brian Shockley
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 transcribed by Recorder Janice Price:

1. Councilor Claudio
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 \$83,091.26 dated July 7, 2015:

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried.

Financial Statement:

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

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **James Gaston, Request to remove trees in right of way:** Motion to deny the request.
 1. Councilor Claudio
 2. Councilor GreggMotion carried.
- **Group Medical Insurance-**Gary Earp spoke to council about the increase of 34.6% in insurance premium to cover city employees.
- **Councilor Luzader commented on the following items:**
 - Was pavement dug up by Star City on the state road right of way on Boyers Avenue? For what reason? Who will replace blacktop and when?
 - Weeds and vines growing on the AC units at city hall, one of the block platforms has been displaced. Weeds and leaf debris needs cleaned out of the two outdoor stairwells.
 - Landscaping at city hall needs done, trees trimmed, and dead tree removed.
 - The Town of Star City's "Road Closed" sign needs picked up from the Gaston project, along with other signs and cones that belong to Town.
 - Weeds need pulled on University Ave, Leeway St, and rail trail; some are four feet tall.
 - Claudio property on Congress Avenue, pile of debris on street edge needs removed and a plastic pipe was in the street.
 - Three structures appear to be severely dilapidated (Tony Mahdavi's house on Pleasant Hill, Derrico property on Congress, Nalcakan property on Congress, what action is being pursued?

CITIZENS:

- **Jim Luzader, 374 Crawford Ave:** congratulated the new Mayor and Council on their appointments.
- **Dan Miller, Potesta Engineering:** offered engineering services to the town.
- **Mary Lou Prudnick, 342 Crawford Ave:** congratulated the Mayor and Council on their appointments and said she was happy to see new faces.
- **Sylvia Buzby, 510 Crawford Ave:** congratulated the new council and stated she hopes they can work well with the Planning Commission.
- **Ralph Cook, 815 Fenwick St, Morgantown-**Commented on the following items:
 - Why was water line on Boyers Avenue dug up?
 - Property owners should be notified is encroachment is being done on their property
 - Water problem is still an issue
 - Pothole needs filled
 - Beautification Committee needs to address issues on University Ave
 - Financial issues and abstention from voting
- **Zach Cook, Morgantown-**stated the following concerns:
 - Expressed his frustration with the outgoing mayor and council

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **Service Agreement with Mon County Dog Warden**-Mayor Reid spoke with Bobby Doyle about the billing concerns. Mr. Doyle will provide council with a quarterly report on calls made and costs to the town. Motion to make payment of \$2,564.11 to the Mon County Commission for Dog Warden services
 1. Councilor Luzader
 2. Councilor BrownMotion carried.
- **Jones Property maintenance issue**-motion to table this issue until the next council meeting.
 1. Councilor Gregg
 2. Councilor RennerMotion carried.
- **Boyers Avenue TIF Project**-Recommendation of council to send TIF project to County Commission for approval. Motion to send request.
 1. Councilor Renner
 2. Councilor GreggMotion carried.
- Councilor Luzader inquired about the following:
 - Is there any update on the trail connector and negotiating?
 - Is there any update on the request for annexation?
 - Is there an update on the Pleasant Hill Avenue/Boyers Avenue property? Has follow up occurred with owners?
 - Trees still need trimmed or removed on Leeway, Frontier, and University Avenues. Lamppost lights are covered, tree at Pickett Building is obscuring business, signs at Leeway and Boyers are completely covered.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

- **Chief Propst:** Provided Quarterly Activity Report for 01/01/15-06/21/15. Officers from Star City and Granville will be taken children from both communities to see the movie "Ant Man" on Saturday, July 25th. An internationally-funded, world-class marathon will be held in the area on Sunday, September 19th. Runners will leave from the Coliseum and a large part of Star City is in the proposed route (University Ave, Congress Ave, Fairfield St). The Chief would like to see the community out to cheer on the runners, by lining the route and by providing three comfort stations with water, Gatorade, fruit, and chocolate.
- **Public Works Director Kevin Nuce:** Nothing new to report. Working on keeping up with regular summer duties.
- **Code Official David Friend:** Continuing routine inspections; in the process of updating codes/.

CITIZENS, CONT:

Zach Cook, cont:

- Tugboat Depot needs repairs; the town should sponsor a volunteer clean-up day to do them
- A welcome flyer should be sent to new businesses to welcome them to the community
- **Jeanette Baniak, 443 Pleasant Hill Ave**-congratulated the new Mayor and Council; commented on the following items:
 - Removal of trailer near her property
 - The woods behind her house are being used as a dumping ground
 - Jan-Care parking still an issue at the corner of University Ave and Pleasant Hill Ave-can't see out to get onto University
- **Cindy Ulrich, 458 Kensington Ave**-welcomed the new members of council and asked the following:
 - Requested that council speak louder
 - Asked if the lights in council chamber can be dimmed
 - Stated the smell of cigarette smoke is gone
 - Talked about the garbage in the building
 - Asked if the sick leave/regular leave time policy could be revisited

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 8:18 PM.

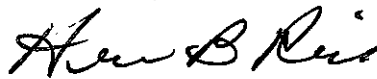
- 1) Councilor Cludio
- 2) Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Price, Recorder



Herman Reid, Mayor