

# *Town Of Star City*

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## **TOWN OF STAR CITY**

### **Council Meeting**

**July 21, 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 (absent)  
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 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 \$55,614.10 dated July 21, 2015:

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

##### **Financial Statement:**

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

1. Councilor Renner
2. Councilor Luzader

Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S COMMENTS:** Mayor Reid reported on the following:

- Attended the Mon County Commission meeting on July 18 in an attempt to resolve the issues with the Boyers Avenue project.
- Along with Kevin, attended a pre-construction meeting with DOH, CTL, and Parrotta regarding Boyers Avenue.
- Two of the town's dump trucks are down with engine problems; estimates for repair have been requested.
- Ordinance Book needs updated to reflect various regulations and ordinance changes/corrections.
- Public Works department is operating on a trial four day, ten hour per day work week.
- Council, Mayor, and both attorneys attended class on Robert's Rules of Order, Open Meetings Act, and Governmental Ethics.
- Working on annexation possibilities
- A work session is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 6:00 PM for all council, along with citizens, to address ordinance changes.
- Randy Jones of WVU has students who need community service hours. 44 students will come to Star City and perform 3 hours of service on August 14.
- Spoke with Jackson Heating about clean-up of their parking lot.
- Next River Town meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 27 at 5:00 PM.
- All-American Festival (formerly the Duck Race) is scheduled for Saturday, August 8.
- Met with Bill Austin of the MPO. Need to appoint a council member to service on their Policy Board and their Citizen Advisory Board.
- Morgantown Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, September 20; flyer for local businesses has been prepared for distribution by Chief Propst.
- Mayor and Treasurer will be attending the Municipal League Conference on August 4-6.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Employee Health Care**-Amy is looking into PEIA insurance, as well as other providers for coverage of town employees. This will be discussed at the work session scheduled for Thursday evening. Motion to table this issue until next meeting.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor BrownMotion carried.
- **Jones Property maintenance issue**-Mayor has contacted Armeta Jones (daughter of the owner) but has not been able to reach her, nor has she returned his calls. Town of Star City could clean up the property, but notice of requirements is needed. Motion to table this issue until the next council meeting.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor GreggMotion carried.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS, CONT:**

- **Legends Media, LLC, et al. v. Town of Star City, et al.**-Motion to move this item to the end of the agenda and go into Executive Session
  1. Councilor Brown
  2. Councilor GreggMotion carried. Councilor Luzader abstained from vote.
- Councilor Luzader thanked the Mayor and Kevin for taking care of the requests she made at the last council meeting.

#### **SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:**

- **Chief Propst:** Star City and Granville officer will be taking children from both communities to see the movie Ant-Man on Saturday, August 1. Eight children have signed up so far and they welcome any additional children who might sign up. Morgantown Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, September 20. Flyers for local businesses to sponsor fluid stations have been passed out.
- **Public Works Director Kevin Nuce:** Nothing new to report. Working on keeping up with regular summer duties.
- **Code Official David Friend:** Continuing routine inspections; Timothy Place Apartments, 36 of 39 completed and ready for occupancy; University Commons more than 50 done, inspections to be next week.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Change meeting date of August 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting**-Mayor and Treasurer will be at the Municipal League Conference. Motion to move the meeting date to Monday, August 3.
  1. Councilor Renner
  2. Councilor GreggMotion carried.
- **Procedure for Permit Approval**-Kim will email permits that have been approved or denied to keep council apprised of what is being done.
- **Request to County Commission-TIF reimbursement request**-Motion to submit invoice to County Commission for TIF funds in the amount of \$3,575.28.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor BrownMotion carried.
- **Proposal for Preparation of PSC Annual Reports (Water & Sewer)**-Motion to pay Roth & White \$2,630.00 for compilation of the necessary annual reports.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor RennerMotion carried.
- **Budget Revision: General Fund**-Motion to approve the Budget Revision in the amount of \$23,074.00.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor BrownMotion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS, CONT:**

- **Budget Revision: Coal Severance Tax Fund**-Motion to approve the revision in the amount of \$738.00.
  1. Councilor Luzader
  2. Councilor GreggMotion carried.
- **Councilor Luzader** commented on the following:
  - Thank you for the new website design.
  - Do we have an agreement in place with new officers who attend the academy-if they leave, do they pay their tuition back to the town?
- **Councilor Gregg** commented on the following:
  - Speed humps on some of the side streets
  - Can the back lot at Jackson Heating be fenced off?
- **Councilor Brown** commented on the following:
  - Citizens of Crawford Avenue request property between 440 Crawford and 460 Crawford be maintained. At the apartment across the street, who is responsible for frontage?
  - Citizens of Boyers Avenue would like the owner of 409-415 Boyers clean up the property and mow.
  - Property at 665 Broadway needs looked at and cleaned up.
  - List of townhouses on Frontier Avenue-not registered as rentals, have they been inspected?
  - 339 Pleasant Hill Ave is condemned, how long do they have to demo?

**CITIZENS:**

- **Ralph Cook, 815 Fenwick St, Morgantown**-commented on the following items:
  - Jones property
  - PEIA insurance
  - Tree stump behind alley needs to be removed
  - Clean pavers on last project on University Ave
  - Has anyone contacted the owner of Best Western about the drain?
  - Clean up-who is responsible?
- **Zach Cook, Morgantown, WV**-commented on the following items:
  - Who will coordinate the student volunteers coming from WVU?
  - He would like to help at Tugboat Depot
  - For the movie day, can students from the Suncrest Methodist Daycare participate?

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- **Motion to go into executive session at 7:55 PM**-to discuss attorney/client privileged matters related to Legends Media, LLC et al. v. Town of Star City, et al.
  1. Councilor Brown
  2. Councilor GreggMotion carried. Councilor Luzader recused herself from executive session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION, CONT:**

- **Motion to return to regular session at 8:50 PM.**
  1. Councilor Gregg
  2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

- Motion to have town attorney meet with Cook representation to attempt to resolve or come to an agreement regarding Legends Media, LLC et al. v. Town of Star City, et al.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor Brown

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Brown, Gregg, Reid (voted as tie-breaker); NOES: Price, Renner. Motion carried.

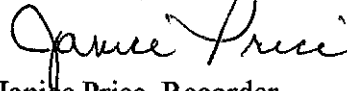
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 8:57 PM.

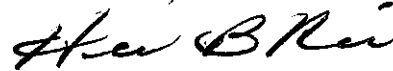
- 1) Councilor Brown
- 2) Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Price, Recorder



Herman Reid, Mayor