

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

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

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor Herman Reid	Councilor Darla Brown
Recorder Janice Price	Councilor Dominick Claudio
Treasurer Lea Hassler	Councilor Todd Gregg
Attorney Paul Cranston (Absent)	Councilor Emma Luzader
Chief of Police Victor Propst	Councilor Jackie Renner
Code Official David Friend (Absent)	Public Works – Kevin Nuce

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion to approve the minutes as prepared by Recorder

1. Councilor Claudio
2. Councilor Brown

Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

**Bills to be Paid:**

Treasurer Lea Hassler presented the bills to be paid in the amount of \$ 13,084.76 dated Nov. 7, 2016.

Motion to pay the bills as presented:

1. Councilor Brown
2. Councilor Renner

Motion carried

**Financial Statement:** No report available at this meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Selection of an Auditor – What types of Questions/Requests will be made? –**

Councilor Claudio gave a report from the Finance Committee that the cost of hiring an auditor to do a forensic audit would be costly to the town and may not be feasible at this time. Motion to proceed to select an auditor to do a forensic audit.

- 1) Councilor Claudio
- 2) Councilor Gregg

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Brown; NOES: Gregg, Claudio, Luzader, Renner, Price, Mayor Reid

Motion declined.

**Storm Water Ordinance** – Kathy O’Brien addressed council regarding the storm water ordinance and provided a commercial customer Storm Water Fee Determination Form. It was decided by council to have a work session with MUB, a spokesperson from DEP and the city attorney along with council and the mayor to get answers on this issue. A date and time were not announced.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Beautification Committee:** Recorder Price announced that the next Beautification Committee will be held on Thursday, Nov. 10th at 6:00 PM at City Hall.

**Ordinance Committee** – Councilor Luzader reported that The Ordinance Committee met on Thursday, Nov. 3, 2016 at 6:15 PM. In attendance were Janice Price, Jackie Renner, Emma Luzader, and Darla Brown. A copy of these minutes are attached to the final minutes.

Councilor Luzader asked council if they had any questions or concerns regarding Chapter Three, Legislative Article 121 before it was sent to the attorney for review.

#### **SUPERVISOR’S REPORTS:**

- **Chief Propst** – The Chief reminded everyone about Shop with a Cop which is tentatively scheduled to be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (time to be determined) at Wal-Mart.
- **Public Works, Kevin Nuce**- Nothing new to report.

**ATTORNEY’S COMMENTS:** None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Audit 2016 – Appointment of Audit Committee** – Motion to have Councilor Claudio, Councilor Luzader and Treasurer Hassler appointed to the Audit Committee.

- 1.) Councilor Claudio
  - 2.) Councilor Gregg
- Motion carried.

**Purchase of Snow Plow** – Motion to purchase a new snow plow from PASS, Inc. in the amount of \$4,607.00 to be financed at 5% or less for 5 years or purchase it outright.

- 1) Councilor Claudio
  - 2) Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**Monongalia County Commission Animal Control Fees 2016-2017** – Motion to enter into an Agreement between County Commission and the Town of Star City for Dog Warden services in the amount of \$2,086.84.

- 1) Councilor Luzader
  - 2) Councilor Claudio
- Motion carried.

**New Garbage Truck** – Councilor Gregg presented council with 3 different bids on 3 different trucks. Motion to have Kevin, 2 of his staff and Terry Musick to go and check out new trucks and bring information back to council at the next meeting.

- 1) Councilor Luzader
  - 2) Councilor Brown
- Motion carried.

**Councilor Luzader** – Councilor Luzader commented on the following items:

**Water leaks** - Three areas - corner of Springdale and Stafford, on Stafford near Ms. Baniak's house, corner of Pleasant Hill and Leeway

**Sidewalk Replacement** -sidewalk replacement - section was torn out that extends across the alley between the Cook and Crynock houses.

**Tuscan Sun area issues:**

Stop sign and JFK memorial sign recently moved back about 20 feet from the intersection- why, safety, view of cross traffic. Nobody that I observed stopped as far back at the stop sign location. This is a potential for future accidents and the question of distance from intersection when traffic is viewed clear 'at stop sign' vs. when the vehicle gets to the intersection it's not clear.

Tuscan Sun sign area – I have a tremendous amount of concern about the landscaping around the sign area. This has the potential of blocking the view of the intersection traffic

The town's light pole located at corner of Boyer's and University has the bottom compartment door off – this is where Tuscan sign area is located.

Alley behind Tuscan Sun- this alley has been blocked for months now. How long did you or the building inspector give them to keep this alley completely blocked off? I think it's time it be reopened, nobody private business should be allowed to create an inconvenience to our citizens for so long. There are no signs indicating no thru traffic.

Alley behind Tuscan Sun- there is a new square concrete style drain installed in the alley that rises above the street level? Is this the drain we installed? What's the plan for cars-it's too high.

**Rail Trail**

Nearly all shrubs at the rail trail riverfront area and at the Tugboat entrance were not trimmed back this year. We need to have a plan to get this done next spring -they look really bad.

At trail across from March Westin there is a steel architectural type piece that had a description plate that's fallen off. I have picked it up multiple times. Could you possibly have our crew reattach it or maybe have our office staff review and determine if the donor wants to have a new plate made and installed.

This year the entrance was moved at Tugboat which was a step in the right direction. I feel the entrances should have been made in the rear of the area and not the side. The new entrance was made where the engraved brick pavers are located. People paid a lot of money for those pavers, they were not meant for

everyday foot traffic by all of those kids, and their parents, and the kids using them as a chalkboard. They were not installed in a secure fashion to withstand what's going on now. I think the entrance needs moved to the rear before the paver area is ruined.

Dead tree along trail that needs removed. It's near the walkway to the riverfront and not hard to spot because over the past month I have left a significant stack of the dead limbs lay beside of it.

March Westin has ground shrubs that are extended over into the town's sidewalk about 2 feet on Leeway. Mayor, please check

**Kennedy Memorial**

The United States flag -- needs changed, it's shredded and torn.

**PERMITS:** None.

**CITIZENS:**

**Cindy Ulrich, 458 Kensington Ave., Star City, WV** – Ms. Ulrich asked the following questions:

1. Does anyone know the procedure to get a handicap spot on a street?
2. Is it legal for one car to park in 2 handicap spaces?

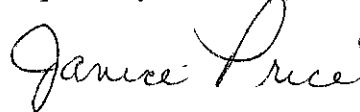
**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion to adjourn the meeting of the Star City Council at 8:12 p.m.

1. Councilor Luzader
2. Councilor Claudio

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Price, Recorder



Herman Reid, Mayor