

TOWN OF STAR CITY
Council Meeting
July 18, 2023
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
Chief of Police - Jessica Colebank	Councilor - Todd Gregg
Treasurer - Lea Hassler	Councilor - Lynette DeChristopher
Town Attorney - Stranko / Wrobleski	Councilor - Dr. Gregory Epps
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 DeChristopher
 2. Councilor Epps
- Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bills to be Paid:

Motion to pay the bills as presented in the amount of \$147,605.97

1. Councilor Epps
 2. Councilor DeChristopher
- Motion carried.

Motion to approve financial report (May 31, 2023) presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Gregg
 2. Councilor Epps
- Motion carried.

Motion to approve financial report (June 30, 2023) presented by Treasurer Hassler.

1. Councilor Epps
 2. Councilor Laskody
- Motion carried.

SPECIAL SPEAKERS / PRESENTATIONS:

Pace Enterprises

- Presented proposal for new living facility in Star City (Replacing older property)
- Asking the Town for considerations on parking spaces and other variances.

***Motion for a Letter of Support on behalf of the Town Council for the proposal presented by Pace Enterprises.

1. Councilor Epps
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

CVB (Stella Hehnly & Kathryn Carter)

- Introduced themselves to the Town Council
- Shared additional information regarding the Honey Trail

CITIZENS:

SCVFD (Ethan Bailey) - Next Fundraising Opportunity @ Expressway Car Wash

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Panhandling Ordinance

- Met to discuss with the County Commission & other local municipalities' representatives last Wednesday (Mayor Doyle & Chief Colebank attended)
- Next Meeting is set for August 16 to discuss further

Committee Members Assigned

- Each Council Member (New & Returning) were assigned a committee to lead for the next calendar year

WV 1st Foundation Meeting

- Regional Director Elected (Mayor Doyle & Chief Colebank attended)

Street Paving work is continuing

Working with DOH on University Avenue - Paving & Sidewalks /

Street Sweeping (Completed)

Star City Farmers Market / Great turnout and success so far!

- New Banner (B&G Graphics) / Thanks to Councilor DeChristopher
- The banner will be placed near the vicinity of the Star City Riverfront Park.

Town of Star City Community Yard Sale

- Saturday, July 22 from 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Select streets throughout Star City will be participating (Register at City Hall)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Planning Committee (Comprehensive Plan)

Next Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, July 25 @ 6:00 PM (Star City Council Chambers)

SUPERVISOR'S REPORTS:

Treasurer - Lea Hassler

- New Software (Fully Implemented)
- 2023-24 Meeting Schedule Released

Code Enforcement - Bob Doyle

- Drainage at Pace property (Water Retention)
- Shoney's demolition (This Week) / O'Reilly's Auto Part (November Opening)
- Guardian Storage Facility (Ready to break ground)

Public Works - Phillip Davis

- Addressed a water leak on Mesa Street
- Town's Yearly Water Loss less than 15%
- Steak 'n' Shake connecting into the Town's sewer line
- Guardian Storage Facility (Ready to begin work)

Chief of Police - Jessica Colebank

- Looking into new cruisers for future purchase(s)
- SCPD has upgraded their vests, uniforms, tasers, guns, cruiser, etc. (Thank You!)
- Evidence seized so far this year - 819 items (324 were drug related)

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS:

Tim Stranko (Town Attorney of Star City)

- Discussed Articles 131 & 133 (Modernizing Mayor & Recorder positions)
- Discussed an agreement / contract with Storybook Daycare & Wow Factory
- George Property / Playground Fencing (Pending)
- Monongalia County Panhandling Ordinance (Pending)

RECORDER'S COMMENTS:

Municipal League Conference

- Recorder Blinco will be representing Star City at the annual Municipal League Conference held at Oglebay Park in Wheeling, WV from July 31 - August 3

MMMPO

- Emergency Presentation with the DOH on July 19 (Recorder Blinco attending)

MAP

- Regular Meeting scheduled on July 19 (Recorder Blinco attending)

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing In of New Council (Honorable Judge Perri Jo DeChristopher presiding)

- 5 Council Members, 1 Recorder, & 1 Mayor took Oaths & were all Sworn In

Second Reading Articles 131 – Mayor – 133 - Recorder

Motion to approve the Second Reading Article 131 – Mayor & 133 - Recorder

1. Councilor Epps
 2. Councilor Laskody
- Motion carried.

Van Voorhis Brownfield Property

Motion for the Town's Attorney, Mr. Stranko, to begin the process of preparing documents to dispose of the Van Voorhis Brownfield Property.

1. Councilor Gregg
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Appointment of Building Inspector (Code Enforcement)

Motion to appoint Bob Doyle as the Town's Building Inspector / Code Enforcement.

1. Recorder Blinco
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE – (Mayor Doyle – Abstained)

- Yes / Blinco, Gregg, DeChristopher, Epps, Laskody, & Morris

Appointment of Town Attorney

Motion to appoint Tim Stranko as the Town's Attorney.

1. Councilor Epps
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE –

Yes / ALL - Doyle, Blinco, Gregg, DeChristopher, Epps, Laskody, & Morris

Appointment of Police Chief

Motion to appoint Jessica Colebank as the Town's Police Chief.

1. Councilor Epps
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE -

Yes / ALL - Doyle, Blinco, Gregg, DeChristopher, Epps, Laskody, & Morris

Appointment of New Municipal Judge

Motion to appoint Michelle Widmer-Eby as the Town's Municipal Judge.

1. Councilor DeChristopher
2. Councilor Gregg

Motion carried.

ROLL CALL VOTE -

Yes / ALL - Doyle, Blinco, Gregg, DeChristopher, Epps, Laskody, & Morris

Hold Harmless Agreements for Use of Vacant City Lot (By Star City Hall)

Motion to send out the Hold Harmless Agreements for the Use of the Vacant City Lot by Star City Hall by the Wow Factory and the Storybook Daycare.

1. Councilor Laskody
2. Councilor Morris

Motion carried.

PERMITS: (NONE)

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn at 6:54 P.M.

1. Councilor Epps
2. Councilor DeChristopher

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven A. Blinco, Star City Recorder



Sharon Doyle, Star City Mayor