

Town Council Meeting
October 9, 2017
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Town Hall, with the following present; Bryan Gatewood, President, Richard Smith, Joyce Brindley and Ronda Bartlett. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge to the Flag. President Gatewood read minutes from the September 11th meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Richard, seconded by Joyce.

Bryan also read the minutes from the Public Hearing held on September 11, 2017 concerning the 2018 Budget. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Richard seconded the motion.

Bryan also read the minutes from the Special Session held on September 19, 2017 to select a contractor to repair the roofs from the hail damage. Joyce made a motion to accept the minutes as read, Richard seconded the motion.

Cemetery Deeds were signed

Monthly Bills were signed

Payroll Vouchers were signed

Street and Cemetery Report: Presented by Richard Smith

Water and Sewer Report: Presented by Bryan Gatewood

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley

Mainstreet Westport Report: The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th. They have between 50 & 60 vendors, food booths, music and activities. Mainstreet will have a Booth with Bakery items and flavored coffee with prizes every half hour. There will also be a house decorating contest. Westport Mainstreet would like permission to close Main Street from Dean Street to Williamson Street from 9 am until 8pm for the festival. Richard made a motion to close the street, Joyce seconded the motion.

Redact Ordinance 2017-6: To convert Water and Sewer Deposits to Customer Deposit and any unclaimed Customer Deposits shall become the property of the municipality after 7 years. Joyce made a motion to accept the changes, Richard seconded the motion.

Patty Jackson: Patty with the Southeastern Indiana Planning Commission, was present to give an update on the owner occupied program. They serviced three homes in Westport, 607 E. Schott, 609 E Schott and 505 E North Streets. The project included putting on new roofs, new gutters, downspouts, new doors and many other things. There are possible changes taking place with the program for the up-coming year.

Community Crossing Grant — Street Paying: The town has been awarded \$139,860.75 from the Grant. The town has two more projects to be done. Bids for these project will be opened at a special meeting, This special meeting will be open to the public on October 12th.

Economic Development Income Tax Plan: Ronda will get with Bryan to work on a plan to spend the EDIT money. A proposal will be drafted up and taken to the auditor's office by January 3rd. Suggestions were sidewalks, water project ,senior center and pay on the loan for LED lightening to Mainsource.

Disconnection Notice: The Water and Sewer Office has received one request from Rita Heitz. Rita presented a letter to the board for approval. Rita will \$50.00 every week starting January 15th until it is paid off. If she misses one payment it will result in a shut off. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard.

From the Floor: Bryan Ross inquired about the streets not being salted at the intersections and side streets.

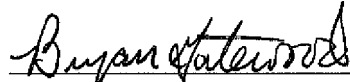
Barb Winchester had an unexplained water loss possibly due to water theft. She is asking for an adjustment. The board agreed to give her an adjustment.

Joe Talkington would like to bring on .TJ Adams for training as a possible Reserve Officer. Joyce made a motion to bring JJ on for training, seconded by Richard.

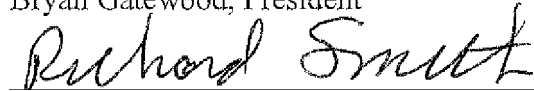
Amanda Organist ask about having a voluntary animal control at large person to take animal calls or transport animals to the animal shelter. Joyce volunteered to go to an animal control board meeting and see what we could do.

Mike Gasper stated that the Veterans Memorial is 98% completed. They are working on solar lighting for night. Mike also announced that Mainsource Bank is closed.


With nothing further to come before the Westport Town Council Richard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce.



Bryan Gatewood, President



Richard Smith



Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer

Richard Smith, Councilman



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