

Town Council Meeting
August 14, 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 July 10th meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Joyce, seconded by Richard.

Bryan also read the minutes from the Special Session held on July 18, 2017. The minutes were approved as read with the correction of changing insurance companies to contractors. Richard made a motion to approve the minutes with changes, Joyce seconded the motion.

Cemetery Deeds were signed

Monthly Bills were signed

Payroll Vouchers were signed

Street and Cemetery Report: For June and July was presented by Richard Smith

Water and Sewer Report: For June and July was presented by Bryan Gatewood

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley.

Mainstreet Westport Report: Joyce reported that the grant for Mainstreet Westport was accepted. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th. They currently have between 40 and 50 vendors.

Changing fees for Water, Sewer and Delinquent notices: The final reading of Ordinance 2017-6 to increase the turn on / transfer fee from \$15.00 to \$30.00 during work hours and \$60.00 after hours. Currently the town has a water deposit of \$100.00. Proposal is to add a sewer deposit of \$100.00 as well. This will apply to all customers. There will also be a \$20.00 sewer inspection fee to new homeowners. Richard made a motion to pass the ordinance, Joyce second the motion.

Street Paving — Community Crossing Grant: Bids for additional paving could go out next month for future projects.

Duke is also in town installing the new LED lights. They should be done by the end of August.

MainSource Bank-Switching Hands: MainSource will be merging. Bryan will get with Archie Brown.

Amanda Organist — Kiwanis: Kiwanis asked permission to close Main Street from Lincoln to Range on September 9th from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM for the annual car show. Also. Kiwanis would like permission to temporarily close several streets on Sunday, September 10th, for the BBQ Parade. Joyce made a motion to close those streets, Richard seconded the motion.

Hail Damage - update on roofs of town owned properties: There were at least four roofs that has hail damage. The council is going to get bids from contractors and vote at next council meeting.

2018 Budget — Public Hearing and Adoption Dates: The Public Meeting for the 2018 Budget will be September 11th at the Town Council Meeting and the Adoption Hearing will be October 9th at the Town Council Meeting.

Water Project Update: There was a kick off meeting with Commonwealth Engineers on Tuesday, July 18th.

Complaint about excessive weeds at Arkie Vaughn's Property: This is the old Standard Station on the corner of Poplar and Main. It was requested that the town send a letter to clean up said property.

Complaint about limited site lines (trees & vegetation) at the intersection of Washington St. and West St.: This has been done by the town street department.

Complaint about limited site lines at the intersection of Rance St. & Mulberry St: When heading west on Mulberry to cross Range, trees block the sight lines to the north and cars parked in the Christian Church parking lot block the site lines to the south. The Christian Church reported that they have moved the stopping blocks back and angled the blocks to help as well,

Trick or Treat Hours: Joyce made a motion that on October 3 P^l, the trick or treat hours for the Town of Westport to be from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, Richard seconded the motion.

From the Floor: Barb Winchester reported that if all goes well, she will be closing with the purchase of the old Anderson Grocery Store on Monday. She plans to remove the building, beginning in September, and install a playground for her daycare.

Richard Young has a concern about kids laying in the street. Several people have talked to the kids, but it's not doing any good. The Police department will speak to the parents.


Bill Padgett has a high smell of chlorine in his lines. John Organist, an employee of the town of Westport explained why and he will look into this.

Ruby Henry also stated that she has sewer gas coming through her toilet. When this happens again she is to call the clerk's office and they will inform Mark Taylor.

Noel and Rhonda Burtch is the new owners of Sonrise Lane Cafe which used to be Denise's Downtown Restaurant. They hope to be open soon. In the front of the cafe there will be antiques, home decor, book nook and maybe a photography studio and a café in the back room. They will be open Tuesday thru Saturday and closed on Sunday and Mondays.

Mike Bartlett suggested that the town council put together some kind of flyer or pamphlet to advertise Why Not Westport? Why Not Live Here? This could be passed out to the new factories that are being built in surrounding towns to highlight the positives of our town. Joyce will look into this.

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


Bryan Gatewood


Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer


Richard Smith, Councilman


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman