

Town Council Meeting
September 11, 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 August 14th meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Richard, seconded by Joyce.

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: Joyce reported that mums have been planted throughout town. The Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 14th, with vendors and activities. Mainstreet is also planning a ghost walk for the last week in October.

Street Paying — Community Crossing Grant: We won't hear anything until the last of September about the grant. Duke has most of the street lights changed to the LED lighting. They should be done by the end of August.

Hail Damage-Select a contractor to roof Town Hall, Police Station, Community Building and Concession Stand: There were several contractors represented at this meeting. After much discussion the council decided to table this matter and call a special secession. This meeting is open to the public on Tuesday, September 12th at 2:00 pm. Bryan will call our insurance company to see if Terry Green our representative would be able to attend.

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.

Commonwealth Engineers Update: Vince Sommers attended the town meeting and gave an update on how the water project is coming along. They are in the process of developing a Preliminary Engineering Report for the town's water utility and the water supply dam. A visual inspection of the dam was completed in August. A draft inspection report has been prepared, and preliminary cost estimates of possible alternatives are being finalized. Bryan inquired about the pressure at the high school. Vince had a discussion with Mr. Land at the school about how the school's water system had changed over time. It appears that there was a pressure tank that was removed for some reason and a Peerless

booster pump added. Commonwealth would still like to look at the pressure again and get with Mr. Land to evaluate the pumps.

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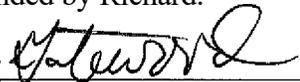
From the Floor:

Bill Padgett reported that kids on bicycles are digging holes and making bike ramps on the end of Johnson Lane in the Deer Run Addition where the old railroad used to be. The question is who owns this parcel #16-14-31-320-047.000-014. Ronda will call the courthouse to see who owns this property.

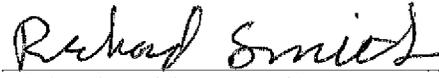
Betty Gatewood reported the problem she had last month with the kids in the street has improved but she is concerned about a group of 6-8 boys riding their bikes around town. Noel and Rhonda Burtch is the new owners of Sonrise Lane Café which used to be Denise's Downtown Restaurant. They are now open. Rhonda would like to see other businesses come into Westport. Bryan will see if the town and the business association can work together and get something started like Why Not Westport?

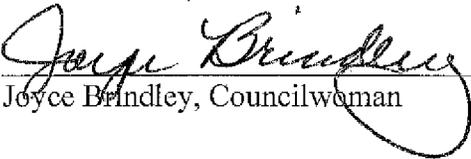
Amanda thanked the council for closing the street for the BBQ and judging the floats for the parade.

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

Attest 
Bryan Gatewood, President

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Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer


Richard Smith, Councilman


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman