

Town Council Meeting
January 8,2018
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 December 11th meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Joyce, seconded by Richard.

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. Bryan gave a brief overview on the water project stating there will a Public Hearing on this project here at Town Hall on Monday, January 15th. This will be published at Town Hall.

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley. The police department has a water leak in the garage bay off the main line. The department is asking the Town to make appropriate repairs. They have been advised that the main will have to be shut off and will result in a water advisory when these repairs are made. Joyce made a motion to get the repairs done, seconded by Richard.

Mainstreet Westport Report: Mainstreet's next meeting will be held on February 5th. They will be discussing a chili cook off for all the non-profits in town on Saturday, February 24th from 5:30-8pm. There will be a free will offering and all proceeds going to the nonprofit groups who enter the cook off,

Southern Indiana Regional Planning Commission-Appoint a Representative: Bryan made a motion to appoint Richard Smith as our representative, seconded by Joyce.

Phone Number Published for Emergencies: The emergency number for Town Hall is 812-614-6311. This number will be posted in the window. The Town employees will take turns taking the phone home in the evenings in case of an emergency.

Salary Ordinance Amendment for Darn!: An Amendment was added to the wage ordinance to give Darol an extra \$25.00 to his salary due to taxing purposes.

Town Hall Will Be Open On Wednesday's From 8: 00am-12Noon

Nathan Sander-Alley Closure: Nathan requested the alley between the store and the Baptist Church parking lot for additional expansion. Need to check about the placement of a gas well. Joyce made a motion to start the proceedings to close the alley, seconded by Richard. Fifty percent of the closure will go to Sander's Market & Deli and fifty percent to the Baptist Church.

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 1st.

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 JJ 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

Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer

Richard Smith, Councilman

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman