

Town Council Meeting
October 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 first meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Richard, with the changes of the wording from sewer plant to water plant, seconded by Joyce.

Bryan also read the minutes from the Adoption Hearing to approve the 2019 Budget. Joyce made a motion to accept the Budget for 2019, seconded by Richard.

Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed

Payroll Vouchers were signed

Cemetery Deeds 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 October 13, 2018. They have around 50 vendors registered so far. Mainstreet would like to block off Main Street from Williamson Street to Dean Street from Sam until evening for the festival. Joyce stated that this will be the third year for this event. There will be an Electronic Recycling day at Town Hall on October 20th from 9am-1 pm. Joyce also, stated that she is hosting the After-School Program with a lot of volunteers from our town to feed children in our community through the week from 5:30 until 6:30.

Community Crossing Grant: Richard stated he had filled out the paper work for the grant but had some missing items which he will take care of

Water Project: Sign a letter of intent and request for obligation of funds as well as the water treatment plant and improvement project application. Vince Sommers with Commonwealth presented the council with five copies of an agreement between the Town and Engineers for professional services that needed to be signed for approval to authorize Commonwealth to start on the design. Richard made a motion to approve the contract with Commonwealth, seconded by Joyce.

Vince asked the council who was going to be our Bond Council? The Town's Attorney, Tom Bushhorn stated that he would like to shop around to get the best rate he could for the town. Vince stated that he would send Tom an electronic copy of the version. The town will need to plan for around \$4-34WII40€1140'3⁰⁰, °Co

interim financing until we bid the project and get the Ocrant. Then we could transfer that into the grant. Doug Baldessari with Umbaugh stated that there would be an increase of twenty seven percent to the customers, that would be about eleven dollars. A lot of it depends on the Ocrant Grant. Umbaugh needs a letter of intent and request for obligation of funds for \$36,000.00 for analysis of costs and revenues. Richard made a motion to approve the rate study, seconded by Joyce.

Building Cost Comparisons for Street Department: Bryan presented a spread sheet on several options for a building for the street department. The options are the property on West Street which currently has a three bay garage, second the old beauty shop on Mulberry Street which will need to be tore down and a new structure built. A new pole barn with two garage doors, concrete floors and spray insulation would cost around \$31,000.00. Another option brought up was the old gas station on Main Street. There will be more discussions at a later date.

Trick or Treat Hours: Trick or Treat hours will be on Wednesday, October 31 from 6pm-8pm.

Joyce stated the prosecutor's office will be sending a group on Saturday to paint the Town Hall Building and whatever else needs to be done around town.

Bryan received a text from Tony Weber thanking our Marshal Joe Talkington and Deputy Marshal Ryan Arbuckle for recovering 90% of his belongings after a break in.

Disconnection Notice/Bill Adjustments: Scott Brannin wrote a letter requesting an extension on his water bill until Friday, October 12th. His check will not get to the bank until Thursday. Joyce made a motion to accept his request, seconded by Richard.

John Nash also called the office right before the council meeting asking for an extension until Friday, e1/4^{140t}-. ,gettegi4er---14th. Joyce made a motion to accept his request, seconded by Richard.

Wayne & Cathy Pittman wrote a letter asking for a water adjustment due to their excess use of water beginning the week of September 17th due to a diseased yard which resulted in them reseeding and putting down a straw blanket which needed to be watered. Joyce made a motion to give them a leak adjustment, seconded by Richard.

From the Floor: Karen Higginbotham announced that she is running for Decatur County Clerk. Karen is a life long resident of Decatur County. She has served under four clerks and over the last 22 years she has performed in every capacity in the office except for the clerk. Her campaign promise is to do her very best for the residents of Decatur County.

Doloris Honeycutt stated that she thought the problem on Main Street was solved but now it is reversing. Joyce will get in touch with Jay at Best Way to see about the cost of a dumpster and have a heavy trash day here in Westport. Westport is also having an Electronic Recycling day October 20th from 9am-I I am. Torn Flemming announced that the voter registration ends October 9th. You can go online to indianavoters.com. You can vote early at the courthouse Monday-Friday from 8am to 4pm or vote on November 6th.

Bill Meyerrose announced that he is running for Sherriff of Decatur County. Bill stated that he has been to seventeen Town Council meetings and is committed to Westport and is willing to learn what is going on in Westport. He has twenty years in law enforcement and five and a half years in leadership.

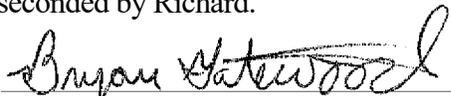
Dave Durant also announced that he is running for Sherriff of Decatur County. Dave stated that he has thirty-five years' experience in law enforcement. Dave also stated that he is in Westport almost every day and he will see that every citizen is treated fairly so get out and vote.

Cory Ross stated that he thought one person from the water, sewer or street was to be present at the council meetings and no one was present at this meeting. Bryan said he would get with the guys and make up a schedule for them to follow.

Bryan atewood, President

Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer

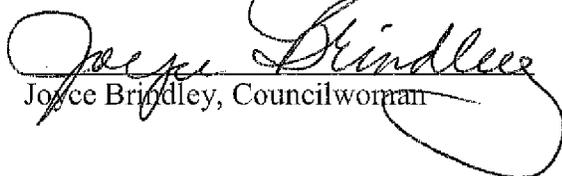
With nothing further to come before the Westport Town Council Joyce made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Richard.







Richard Smith, Councilman



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman