

Town Council Meeting
April 9, 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 March 12th meeting. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Richard, seconded by Joyce. President Gatewood also read the minutes from the Public Hearing on March 26, 2018. The minutes were approved as read on a motion by Richard, seconded by Joyce.

Monthly Bills and Adjustments 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 West cip-t Report: Joyce reported that several employees from Cummins came to help clean the streets and wash the Christmas decorations off the windows. Mainstreet is also working on getting plastic trash bins with lids with the plastic caps they are collecting. These trash cans will be placed around town.

Signing of Resolution 2018-2: A local resolution approving the plans from Commonwealth Engineers. Richard made a motion to approve the Resolution 2018-2, seconded by Bryan. Bryan gave an update on the water project stating this is the least cost and the better recommendation for our town.

Signing of Contribution Letter to the Cemetery: The council sent Carlos Webb a thank you letter for his contribution of \$1,000.00 to help with the up keep of the cemetery.

Ordinance 2018-3 to Redact Ordinance 92-1: Final reading of Ordinance 2018-3. This Ordinance is to establish a fair and consistent policy regarding water leaks and unexplained water losses. In #3 a majority of the vote from the council instead of a unanimous vote. #4 stating for any other special circumstances the customer would present before the Town Council and also must require majority consent of the Town Council. Also, a request to change the cost of removal for two hours at \$25.00 per hour plus cost of checking the meter. Joyce made a motion to accept the final reading, seconded by Richard.

Property at 308 S Walnut Street: Bryan and Deputy Marshal Ryan Arbuckle went to do an inspection on said property. A letter written and signed by Bryan and Ryan to inform Rita Sayre that the property was inspected and in violation of the Town's Ordinance 1999-1 and will be recommended it to be deemed unsafe and condemned. Also, a letter was signed by the board directing Rita Sayre to bring said property into compliance with Ordinance 1999-1. Joyce made a motion to send the letters and begin procedures to condemn the property, seconded by Richard. The letter from Bryan, Ryan and the Town Council will need to be sent by certified mail.

Adjustments due to Unknown Water Loss: There were four customers who ask the council to give them an adjustment for unexplained water losses. Richard made a motion to give Joe Herbert at 503 E Bennett an adjustment, seconded by Joyce. Joyce made a motion to give Monica Garrity at 107 W Sycamore and Michael & Andrea May at 218 E Schott an adjustment, seconded by Richard. Joyce also, gave permission to give Snowden/Elgar at 160 S St Rd 3 an adjustment, seconded by Bryan.

MainSource Bank: Richard Smith of the Westport Town Council gave permission to Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer to switch from MainSource Bank to The Napoleon State Bank, seconded by Joyce Brindley.

Disconnection Notice: Alyssa Bales is asking for an extension of \$212.35 plus her utility deposit and turn on fee until Thursday, April 12th due to a water leak and her moving. Bryan made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard.

Cynthia Gearhart also presented a letter to the board due to her paycheck being lost after a mobile deposit. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard.

Rene Golowenski also sent a letter asking for an extension on \$138.00. She will pay \$75.00 on Friday April 13th and the remaining balance on Friday April 20th. Richard made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Joyce.

From the Floor:

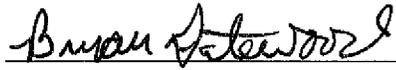
Amanda Organist reported that the Kiwanis Club is having a pancake breakfast on April 14th from 7am to 10am at the Community Building. They will also be hosting a baby shower for Clarity Pregnancy Service. Bring diapers and get your name in a drawing for a free meal.

Doug Baldessari, a rate consultant with Umbaugh & Associates reported that he is working with Commonwealth to do a rate study on the water side. Doug will coordinate with Vince Sommers from Commonwealth on how soon. There is a \$5,000.00 fee for the firm's study. Joyce made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Richard.

John Gant reported that the fire department acquired the original fire bell that was on Town Hall. They are painting it red and are going to place it on a slab at the fire department.

Rhonda Burch would like to have an open mike night once a month on a Friday night. She was told to check with the department of Homeland Security for details.

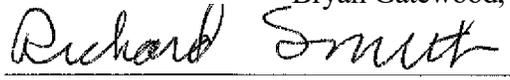
With nothing further to come before the Westport Town Council Richard made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce.



Bryan Gatewood, President



Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer



Richard Smith, Councilman



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman