

Town Council Meeting
July 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 June 11th meeting. 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 Westport Report: Joyce reported that Mainstreet was going to have a Community Yard sale on July 21st. On July 26th & 27th there will be a Place Making Workshop in Bloomington. The new trash containers should be in by the end of July. There will be an Electronic Recycling day at Town Hall on October 20th from 9am-11am. Mainstreet has also started working on the Fall Festival.

Sign Ordinance 2018-4: Joyce made a motion to pass Ordinance 2018-4 closing the cul-de-sac beginning with lot 10 and lot 1 of Westpark Edition, seconded by Richard.

Full Time Employee Salary: Richard made a motion to start the full-time position hourly rate at \$18.50 per hour, seconded by Joyce.

Wakenda Doles: Wakenda recommended that for our next improvement project, that the town remove trees on Main Street and replace the sidewalks with new ones and possibly add parallel parking where the grassy areas and trees are now. Joyce agreed with the sidewalk issues but not removing the trees. The trees that are causing issues with the sidewalks could be removed and the rest of the trees trimmed.

Disconnection Notice/Bill Adjustments: Sylvia Taylor submitted a letter stating that her hours got cut and is asking for an extension stating she would pay her bill in full on Friday the 13th. Joyce made a motion to approve her request, seconded by Richard.

Elizabeth Schoettmer submitted a letter asking for an extension until Friday the 13th. Richard made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Joyce.

Aina⁽³⁾ La Lavender submitted a letter requesting an extension due to having to buy a new tire until Friday the 13th. Richard made a motion to accept his request, seconded by Joyce.

Jessica Franks submitted a letter asking for an extension due to an unexpected expense when her vehicle broke down until Thursday, July 12th. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard.

Rene Golowenski submitted a letter asking for an extension due to financial difficulties. She would like to make three payments of \$50.00 each on 7/16, 7/23 and 7/30. Her request was rejected by the Town Council.

Carrie Lee submitted a letter asking for an extension on her bill until July 16th. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard. She would also like to see if there is any way that her deposit could be waived to switch her dad account into her name. Ronda will get with her to make payment arrangements.

The Water and Sewer Office also received several requests for adjustments due to an unexplained water leak. Robert Doles residing at 109 S. West Street submitted a letter asking for a leak adjustment due to

someone leaving the water hose running for two days. Richard made a motion to grant his request, seconded by Joyce.

Pat Schoettmer residing at 921 N State Road 3 submitted a letter asking for an adjustment. He can not find a leak and no leak was detected, therefore he does not know where the water went. Richard made a motion to accept his request, seconded by Joyce.

From the Floor: Rhonda Burch would like to thank Bryan and Joyce for their help on an unhealthy situation with a landlord.

Eric and Rebecca Burkhead at 504 E Gatewood has made several phone calls about their neighbors barking dogs. Bryan asked them to call the property owners when their dogs bark and talk to them. Bryan will get with our attorney to see which direction to go on an ordinance to see about a kennel clause, nuisance or for a noise ordinance.

Bill Padgett stated that after his street was paved there is a sharp angle drop off in his yard.

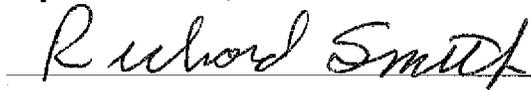
Damon Land reported that the culvert by 209 west Street is washing out and is going to cave in. Joyce will check on this and take some pictures.

Ryan Arbuckle would like to start the condemning process of the old beauty shop on Mulberry Street. He would also like to know the progress on getting the Police Department parking lot paved. Ryan would also like to see about getting a Children at Play sign put up by Barb Babe's Daycare. Also , he has had problems reaching someone at the Decatur County Animal Control Office. They do not have the man-power to come to Westport after eight o'clock.

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



Bryan Gatewood, President



Ronda Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer