

Town Council Meeting
August 13, 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 July 9th meeting. The minutes were approved as read with changing the due date on Amanda Lavender's extension from the 15th to the 13th on a motion by Joyce, seconded by Richard.

Bryan also read the minutes from the Special Session held on July 23, 2018 to discuss Employee Responsibilities. The minutes were approved on a motion by Joyce, seconded by Richard.

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 Cassie Sander will be taking over as President of Mainstreet. Joyce stated that she will still be an active member of Mainstreet. 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.

Colonial Life: Billy Kirkham, an area manager with Colonial Life gave a presentation on healthcare for our employees for future references.

Community Crossing Grant: Richard stated that he begun working on the grant for next year. Sidewalks can also be included in on the grant.

Update on Animal Control Ordinance: There was no vote on this ordinance at the meeting. This ordinance would add a kennel clause and give the owner the right to appeal any fine, fee, penalty or findings to the Animal Control Board within 72 hours. Bryan would like to get this approved by the Police Department so it can be enforced and adapted here as well. Bryan would also like discuss with some dog owners to get their input and run this by the Town's attorney.

Job Descriptions: This job description is for the Town Coordinators. Mark Taylor will oversee the other employees. There were two changes from the previous job descriptions. First, they will rotate responsibilities with the Water/Sewer to always have at least one representative present at all Town Board meetings. Secondly, take bagged trash from the Town trash receptacle to the dump as needed. Joyce made a motion to accept the Job Descriptions for Assistant Town Coordinators, seconded by Richard.

Property on S. West Street: Bryan showed pictures of the property on S. West Street. The Town would like to purchase this property for the Town to use for the street department. This would allow the street department to relocate and let the Police Department use the whole building they are currently in. The building will need a new roof and trusses. Richard made a motion to give Bryan permission to negotiate for the property, seconded by Joyce.

Sewer Agreed Order Update: Brady Dryer with Commonwealth Engineers reported that the Town needs to sign a Sewer Agreed Order. Joyce made a motion to sign the proposed order, seconded by Richard. The Town will have to come up with a sewer evaluation plan and report back in thirty days. The Town is going to move forward with the smoke testing starting in September 2018 and being complete by October 2018. Brady brought a Draft Compliance Plan that consist of Phase 1 and Phase 2 starting September 2018 and being complete in March 2023. Joyce made a motion to set up a Sewer Improvement Fund, seconded by

Richard. Ron Barrett at 304 N. West Street reported that he is having issues with the manhole an his property by the creek filling with water, Bryan said it will be added to the list.

Water Project Update: Everyone at USDA is on vacation. We are in the grant phase with Rural Development in North Vernon. The Town will be working With Mary McCarty in September on the OCRA Grant. The Town will be sending out another letter about the TTHM levels that exceeds the standard levels.

Amendment to the 2018-4 Salary Ordinance: Joyce made a motion to accept the 2018 Amendment to the Salary Ordinance replacing Darol Herbert with Damon Land at \$18.50 per hour as an Assistant Town Coordinator, seconded by Richard.

Disconnection Notice/Bill Adjustments: Sara Williams wrote a letter requesting an extension on her water bill until Friday, August 17th. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard. Jessica Shera also wrote a letter asking for an extension due to Zach changing jobs and Clark being in the nursing home until Friday, August 17th. Joyce made a motion to accept her request, seconded by Richard. Bryan announced that Kiwanis would like to close down Main Street on September 8, 2018 for the car show. Richard Young requested the street be shut down from 7:30 am until 4 pm on that Saturday. Richard made a motion to close Main Street on Saturday, September 8th from 7:30 am until 4:00 pm, seconded by Joyce.

Kirk and Jennifer Clarkson are doing some home improvements to add an additional bathroom and is asking the council for approval. Joyce made a motion to accept his request, seconded by Richard.

From the Floor: Dave Durant announced that he is running for Decatur County Sheriff He has 35 years of law enforcement experience. Dave stated that he will ensure that every citizen is treated fairly and justly.

Deanna Burkart also announced that she is running for County Council-District 3. Deanna stated that she is running because she wants to give back to our community and make Decatur County a great place to live.

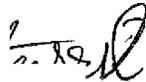
Debris Honeycutt inquired about a yard on Main Street. After much dissuasion Debris is going to talk to the owners to see if she can be of some help.

Gloria Alumbaugh ask about a possible heavy trash day on a Wednesday or Saturday or a free dump day. Joyce will check on this. Maybe we could put this our contract with Best Way.

Damon Land stated that there are people parking on town property with improper plates in the parking lot by the gazebo after hours and would like to know what our policy is. Damon stated that the owner informed him that they have an agreement with the town so their tenants could park there.

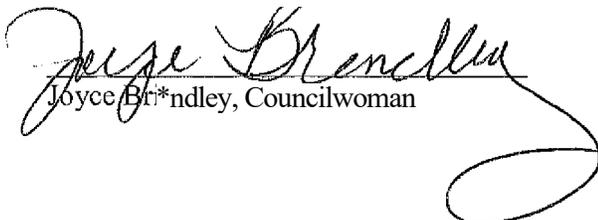
There also was an update on the rat. Snake and cat situation in the apartment on Kentucky Avenue. They have thirty days to clean up the apartment.

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



Bryan eWood, President
Richard Smith, Co iman

Ronda a Bartlett, Clerk Treasurer



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman