

Town Council Meeting  
October 15, 2019

Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Town Hall, with the following present; Bryan Gatewood, President, Joyce Brindley, John Organist and Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. President Gatewood read minutes from the September 9th, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as read and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. President Gatewood read minutes from the Budget Hearing on September 9th, 2019 which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John.

**Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed**

**Payroll Vouchers were signed**

**Marshal's Report:** Presented by Joyce Brindley

**Mainstreet Westport Report:**

Joyce reported on the success of the Fall Festival and thanked everyone for their help. Joyce stated that Mainstreet received several large sponsorships for the festival including a grant from Decatur County Tourism.

**Trick or Treat Hours:**

John discussed changing the trick or treating hours to the Saturday before Halloween due to the five o'clock traffic being a concern for safety of the children walking through town. Joyce made a motion for trick or treating hours to be on Halloween from 5pm 8pm, seconded by Bryan with a 2:1 vote.

**Sewer Extension into Deer Run:**

Bryan stated that Commonwealth along with IDEM reviewed the proposal to add a sewer system at the end of Deer Run since Westport was given an early sewer warning by IDEM. IDEM confirmed that wastewater customers are not restricted at this time and the proposal for additional sewer connections at the end of Deer Run was approved.

**Water Project Update:**

Bryan gave an update on the Water Project stating that Commonwealth is working on obtaining permits to start the Dam portion of the project. Bryan stated that he has also met with Decatur County Rural Water to discuss a Bulk Water rate for Westport customers.

**Resolution to transfer Funds to Police Grant Account:**

The Clerk Treasurer requested permission to move \$8 from the General Fund to the Police Grant Account since there was a deficient after police equipment was purchased in July 2019. Joyce made a motion to approve the fund transfer, seconded by John Organist.

**Graue Tree Removal:**

Mr. Graue did not attend the meeting so no discussion occurred.

**4-Way Stop Sign at Mulberry and Range:**

The Town Council discussed the addition of a 4-way stop at Mulberry and Range. Bryan suggested that John Organist write an Ordinance for the council to sign at the next meeting. Joyce made a motion that the council approve the 4-way, seconded by John.

**Kickstand Saloon New Proposal:**

James Thomas presented a safes quote showing the cost of his plan to update the sewer system at 420 W. Washington St. within the next 6 months. Thomas asked for the Town Council to allow the business to operate under the current sewer system so that he can raise funds to pay for the update. Thomas also requested the council consider a 3-way liquor license which Bryan stated would not be permitted. Bryan suggested that the council take the sewer proposal under review and make a decision at the November council meeting.

**Delinquent/Adjustment Letters:**

Carri Lee requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$54.30 on Friday October 18th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

Tracy Dailey requested an adjustment due to a leaky hose but the council determined that more information was needed prior to making a decision.


Brad McCarter requested that the bill at 700 N Kathleen Dr. be adjusted due to a major leak in the spring. The Council reviewed the account and suggested that the Clerk take an average of \$75 per month and write off the rest. Joyce made a motion to approve the adjustment seconded by John.


**From the Floor:**

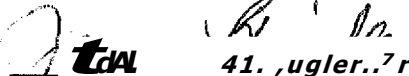
Gloria announced that the Westport Water Company is now taking credit card payments over the phone and online.

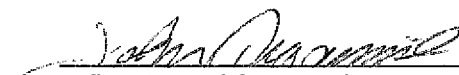
Damon asked members of the town to be watchful for someone vandalizing stop signs with a spray painted "GG" as several signs have been vandalized around town.

Joyce made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by John.

  
Bryan Gatewood, President

  
Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer

  
Joyce

  
John Organist, Councilman