

Town Council Meeting
November 11, 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 October 14th, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as read and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. President Gatewood read minutes from the Adoption Hearing on October 14th, 2019 which John made a motion to approve, seconded by Joyce.

Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed

Payroll Vouchers were signed

Street and Cemetery Report: Presented by John Organist

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley

Commonwealth Project Updates:

Wastewater: Bryan explained that Commonwealth has been assisting with the Town's Agreed Order Compliance Schedule that is required by the state to meet IDEM wastewater compliance. Bryan stated that the next step is for the town to apply for a Rural Water Loan to pay for the Preliminary Engineering Report and the Environmental Report which will need to be submitted to USDA. The Council reviewed Commonwealth's wastewater testing results and Joyce made a motion to apply for the Rural Water Loan, seconded by John.

Water: Rachel Runge from Commonwealth stated that the permits are submitted and they are waiting to get approval letters. Vince stated that everything is on schedule with bidding to start January or February.

Mainstreet Westport Report:

Barb Winchester reported that the volunteers have been preparing downtown Westport for the Christmas season by installing Christmas trees and readying the windows for painting. Joyce announced that the Santa's Village and Christmas Tree Lighting will be Saturday, November 30th from 3pm — 8pm. Joyce thanked everyone who helped with the successful Fall Festival.

Westport Business Association Road Closure Request:

Bryan stated that Main St. going west from the Baptist Church to Poplar St. would need to be closed from noon to 8pm. Bryan asked the Westport Street Department to assist with the street closure. Joyce made a motion to close Main St. on November 30th for the Santa Event, seconded by John.

Ordinance 2019-6, 4-Way Stop Sign at Mulberry and Range:

Bryan read the ordinance and Joyce made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by John. There was also discussion regarding painting crosswalks and stop lines at the four-way stop.

Locksmith Options:

The council reviewed the bids for changing the locks on all town owned buildings and gates since the current system requires at least 12 different keys and needs updated. After reviewing bids ranging from \$950 to \$6704, Joyce made a motion to approve the higher quality core lock system from Malcolm Lock for approximately \$1500 which was seconded by John.

SIRPC Contract Renewal - Jodi Corner:

Bryan reviewed the contract for Jodi Corner to continue as grant administrator for the town and Joyce made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by John

Toler Water Bill:

The council reviewed the agreement signed by Danny Toler who agreed to pay his monthly water bill along with an additional \$50 each month until his past water bill is paid in full.

CCMG 2019-2 INDOT-LPA Contract:

Bryan reviewed the LocalRoads and Bridges Matching Grant Agreement, Contract# A249-20-LG190619 and there was discussion regarding next steps in the process of receiving the grant money. Joyce made a motion to approve the Grant Agreement for the reward of \$107,175.75 with the Town agreeing to pay an additional 25% of the street project which is required in the agreement. John seconded the motion.

Delinquent/Adjustment Letters:

Carri Lee requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$56.95 on Friday November 15th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

LeAnn Henderson requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$90.92 on Friday November 15th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

Elizabeth Schoettmer requested an extension of Thelma Heath's past due bill to pay \$67.29 on Friday November 15th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

Deborah Norby-Turner requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$78.67 on December 2nd, 2019. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

Tracy Dailey requested an adjustment due to a leaky hose which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John.

Kickstand Saloon Sewer System Proposal:

Bryan stated that the Kickstand Saloon sewer system proposal to open for business while using the system currently in place is denied at this time. Bryan asked council members for additional comment and nothing was added.

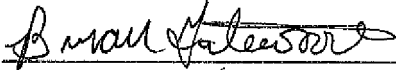
From the Floor:

Barb Winchester asked if the town could check a drainage issue at the daycare and Bryan confirmed that the sewer complaint is noted and will be addressed.

Harry Pray asked several questions about the sewer drains and speed limit signs around town.

Tony Blodgett reviewed the Westport Police Department Reserve Training Program with the council and gave the council the Reserve Field Training Manual created for the program. Tony also pointed out that they would be moving from basket-weave duty gear to Nylon duty gear for the reserve officers which is more cost effective, lighter and durable. Tony reported that two officers have started the program and once pre-basic is completed, they can be sworn in to serve the town. Tony also presented updated Westport Town Marshall/Deputy Employment Contracts to the council for review.

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



Bryan Gatewood, President



Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Orgahist, Councilman