

Town Council Meeting  
February 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, Richard Smith, Joyce Brindley, Gloria Alumbaugh and Ronda Bartlett. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. President Gatewood read minutes from the January 14th meeting. The minutes were approved as read with a motion from Joyce, seconded by Richard. President Gatewood read minutes from the Special Session on January 28<sup>th</sup> regarding opening bids for the Main Street and Highway 3 project. The minutes were approved as read with a motion from Richard, seconded by Joyce.

**Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed**

**Payroll Vouchers were signed**

**Cemetery Deeds were signed**

**Water and Sewer Report:** Presented by Bryan Gatewood

**Street and Cemetery Report:** Presented by Richard Smith

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

The council discussed replacing the Ford Interceptor that was recently totaled in an accident. Ronda stated that the Insurance company may reimburse them for the value of the car at approximately \$6,000 —7,000. Ryan Arbuckle brought in two replacement vehicle options that he found when shopping for a new vehicle. The first option is a 2015 Ford Explorer that cost 14,995 but has title issues. The second option is a 2014 Ford Explorer that cost 9,995. Richard made a motion that they set the budget at \$11,000 and Joyce seconded the motion.

**Mainstreet Westport Report:** Joyce reported that the numbers from last Saturday's chili cook-off are in and Mainstreet won the cook-off thanks to Keishia. Bryan added that profits included \$200 in donations and \$105 from the Westport Bakery.

**Update on Main Street and Highway 3 Project:** (This is the large drainage hole issue east of highway 3 in front of Pavey's that goes under Main St) Bryan discussed the bids that were received at the Special Session on January 28<sup>th</sup> and showed the public an Excel spreadsheet comparing the 5 different bids. Bryan stated that Right of Entry forms were signed by business owners for Pavey's and Bailey's Flowers. He mentioned that wording was added to the Right of Entry form for Bailey's flowers to include protection for the land owner because the owner was concerned that the property would not be returned to its original state. Bryan stated that once the weather allows CH&M will start on the project which will cause the intersection to be closed for at least a week depending on what the crew finds as they start. He added that the culvert will be replaced with concrete and CH&M has already started unloading supplies at the intersection as people can see when driving by. Bryan said that he would like to find a way to receive reimbursement from government funding and will pursue other possibilities besides the Community Crossing Grant.

**Resignation Letter:** Ronda Bartlett submitted a resignation letter stating that her last working day would be March 31', 2019. Bryan stated that the council would accept her letter with a motion from Richard which Joyce seconded.

**Delinquent Letters—To extend disconnection notice:** Nathan Snyder requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$105.49 on Thursday February 14th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Richard.

**From the Floor:**

Joyce announced the Decatur County Recycling schedule for 2019 as follows: Electronic Recycling and Paper Shredding on March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Greensburg Animal Shelter, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the AGAPE Center and November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Greensburg FOP. September 7th is Tox-A-Way Day at the Decatur Co. Fairgrounds. Joyce added that Westport will also schedule a garbage day at Town Hall TBD. Clarification on battery taping was discussed and Joyce confirmed that small cell batteries and AA batteries do not have to be taped.

**Bill** Padgett stated that he didn't understand why people were allowed to get adjustments to their water bill for filling their pool, watering their lawns, washing their cars, etc. Bryan explained that customers receive a sewer adjustment to their bill since the water is not going down the sewer which gives the customer a discount but the customer is still paying for water consumption. This adjustment may only occur once in a 12-month period.

Jay Maddux reported that the Shera family headstone issue mentioned in the Street Report earlier in the meeting has been repaired. Joyce thanked Jay and the rest of the town employees for their work on the kitchen remodel.

Amanda Organist said that a neighbor's dog is frequently getting loose and getting into hers and others yards, causing a nuisance to the community. Discussion occurred on what to do about the dog since the owner is refusing to take responsibility for the loose dog and there is concern that the dog is going to get killed. Ryan said that Animal Control is not able to transport animals from Westport at this time and Westport officers are also unable to transport the animals causing difficulties with managing loose animals. Ryan stated that he can ticket the owner for refusing to contain their dog and Bryan agreed that the town could reinforce their ability to fine animal owners for violating the ordinance. Bryan suggested that the town also send a letter of warning to the dog owner who is refusing to answer his door and turns the music up when neighbors knock on his door.

Deanna Burkhart stated that she wanted to make it known that she is here to represent the people in District 3 so feel free to contact her with any concerns or feedback.

Kenny Hooten, councilman from District 1 announced that he is running for Mayor and although Westport members cannot vote for **him**, he wants to make it known that he is wanting to rebuild unity between the city of Greensburg and the surrounding towns in Decatur county.

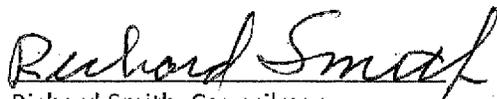
Richard made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Joyce.



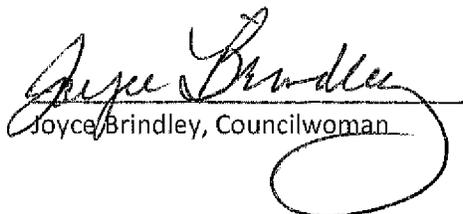
Bryan Gatewood, President



Ronda Bartlett, Treasurer



Richard Smith, Councilman



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman