

Town Council Meeting
March 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 Jenny Hardebeck. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. President Gatewood read minutes from the February 11th meeting. The minutes were approved as read with a motion from Joyce, seconded by Richard.

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 Westport Police Department submitted a letter to the Decatur County Community Foundation requesting a grant to obtain new tasers and updated computer equipment.

Approve Resolution 2019-1 to allow the Westport Sewer to temporarily loan funds to Westport

Water: Bryan explained that the Resolution is needed to outline the loan between the Westport Sewer and the Westport Water funds so that the design phase of the Water Improvement Project can be financed prior to receiving government funding. The government funding will then be used to repay the Westport Sewer funds. This saves the town from additional interest charges.

Mainstreet Westport Report: Joyce reported that the Christmas trees downtown have been cleaned up and the windows will be cleaned on March 29th during the day of caring. Joyce stated that a volunteer group from Cummins called EEEEC (Every Employee Every Community) will be in Westport for the day to help clean up around downtown Westport. Joyce encouraged everyone to pitch in and help a neighbor out during the day of caring. Joyce also reminded everyone that the 2020 Census is coming and encouraged people to participate because of the impact the Census has on local government funding.

Update on Main Street and Highway 3 Project: Bryan received notification during the meeting that Mainstreet is now open after being closed to repair the storm drain. Bryan displayed the total cost spreadsheet on the big screen along with pictures of the storm drain under construction.

Part-time Employee Position: Bryan led a discussion on the current part-time employee position and the need for supervision out in the field. Bryan discussed whether or not the part-time position is needed now that the other full-time employee is back to work. Since another full-time employee will be out on medical leave for three months, Bryan decided to table the subject until the next meeting. Joyce suggested a need for employee supervision while tabling the part-time position in case there are days when extra workers are not needed. After more discussion Joyce made a motion to place supervision of the town employees back into the Clerk's office which was seconded by Richard.

Delinquent Letters—To extend disconnection notice: Scott Brannin requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$73.45 on Thursday March 14th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Richard.

Ralph & Sylvia Taylor requested an extension of their past due bill to pay \$106.94 on Friday March 15th. Richard made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Joyce.

From the Floor:

Rachel Runge from Commonwealth gave an update on the large Water Project stating that town members may have seen workers around town since they started the soil borings and site visits. Rachel stated that Commonwealth has been working with Mark and Jay quite a bit and the next steps included re-applying for the OCRA grant. Bryan stated that he does not want to see anymore TTI-IM (Total Trihalomethanes) notices once the project is finished.

Ryan Arbuckle gave a shout out to Eric Blodgett for transferring the police equipment from the wrecked vehicle over to the new vehicle since the job was much more labor intensive than planned. Ryan said it took approximately 14 hours to do a 3-4 hour job.

Tom Flemming from the Greensburg Daily News stated that he attended a meeting with the county commissioners and wanted to relay the message that there will be some repair work done to the outside of the covered bridge.

Bill Padgett said that he is concerned about the cats and dogs running around town because he was confronted by two dark colored dogs in his yard one day. Bryan recommended that Bill call the non emergency county dispatch number if the incident happens again.

Brandy Mansuetti stated that she has several things to discuss. Brandy explained that she has an autistic son that sometimes darts in traffic and she is concerned about his safety in her neighborhood because there are no street signs warning drivers to slow down. Brandy stated that even though she lives close to the four way stop at Range and Main Street, drivers do not stop at the signs and then accelerate through the signs at high speeds making her fear for her child's safety. The town discussed the possibility of more signs near her home and Bryan stated that he would research the topic. The police department offered to increase patrol hours at that intersection for a period of time to enforce the stop signs. Brandy also talked about a large tree in front of her house that needs to be removed and asked if the town could assist her with the cost of this project. Bryan stated that the town would ask for quotes on tree removal and review at the next board meeting.

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



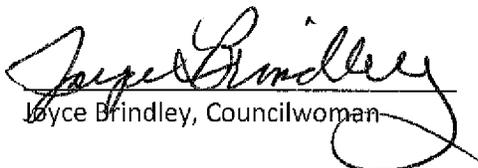
Bryan Gatewood, President



Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk



Richard Smith, Councilman



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman