

Town Council Meeting
May 13, 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, and Gloria Alumbaugh. Bryan Gatewood called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag and a moment of silence for the passing of councilman, Richard Smith. President Gatewood read minutes from the April 8th meeting. The minutes were approved as read with a motion from Joyce, seconded by Bryan.

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 Bryan Gatewood

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley

Mainstreet Westport Report: Joyce reported that the flower planters in town are ready for summer and a new water tank was purchased to make it easier to water the flowers. Joyce thanked everyone for keeping their yards maintained and also reported that planning for the Fall Festival has started.

McCullough Barn at 316 E. Schott St.: Wesley McCullough petitioned the town to close the street between his two properties which is an extension of N. East St at the April council meeting. The council reviewed Ordinance 2019-2 to close the extension of N. East St. and Joyce made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Bryan.

Two Way on South Poplar St. Ordinance: The town council reviewed Ordinance 2019 — 3 to make the section of South Poplar between Main St. and Sycamore St. a two-way street instead of one-way. Joyce made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Bryan.

Credit Card Payment Options at Town Hall: Gloria presented three different options of credit card payments and reported on various details of each program. Gloria stated that there is a need for the Town Hall to be able to process credit card payments as more people are asking to pay water bills and fees with their credit/debit cards over the phone and in person. Gloria will further research credit card payment options and present her findings at the next council meeting.

No Semi Sign at the corner of West & Mulberry — Delbert Riddell filed complaint: The council discussed the request to put no-semi signs inside the town limits to prevent semitrucks from getting into people's yards when the trucks get stuck on the side streets. Joe Talkington stated that there were three incidents during the road construction project on Highway 3 and that no more incidents have occurred since the highway re-opened. Joe also mentioned that there are truck route signs posted in Westport. The council decided not to make a motion on this request.

Petition to rezone 1 acre of property from A1-B2 for construction of Westport Lodge No 52 F & AM:

The council reviewed the request for re-zoning and Joyce made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Bryan. Bryan stated that Town Council Minutes will be submitted to Area Planning to confirm approval.

Tree Removal Letter from Graue: Bryan read the letter from Mr. Graue who is requesting assistance with 3 trees on the border of his property. Damon stated that he and Mark checked out the trees and the trees are not an immediate health and safety hazard but do need trimming. Damon suggested that the town assist Mr. Graue with trimming his trees and then set aside money in the budget in the upcoming year to deal with additional tree removal.

Delinquent Letters — To extend disconnection notice: Homer Ellard requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$95.12 on Friday May 17th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

Sarah Williams requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$107.58 on Friday May 17th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

Nicholas Messer requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$212 on Friday May 17th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

From the Floor: Ryan Arbuckle submitted a letter of resignation stating that his last day as Deputy Marshall would be May 31st, 2019. Joyce made a motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Bryan.

Bryan read a letter addressed to Krista Duvall and the Area Planning Commission requesting that Johnson Ave be recognized as a legal street in front of the Westport Town Hall. The town council signed the request and the letter will be submitted to the Area Planning Commission and 911 committee.

Bryan discussed the process to replace Richard Smith, reading an e-mail from Nate Harter. Bryan must submit a death certificate to Faith Koors at the Clerk's office and Nate Harter from the Republican Committee will post a notice of the vacancy to take applications for 10-14 days. Then Nate Harter will hold a Caucus to interview the applicants and the Republican party will appoint someone to replace the vacancy. Anyone needing more information should contact Nate Harter or Faith Koors at the Decatur Co. Clerks office.

George Willette asked the council for permission to close a section of Mulberry street between Range and Williamson from 5pm to 8:30pm on June 23 through June 26 for Vacation Bible School at the Westport Christian Church. Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Bryan.

Ryan Arbuckle reported that the Decatur County Community Foundation, Inc. granted \$7584 to the Westport Police Department to purchase new tasers and equipment.

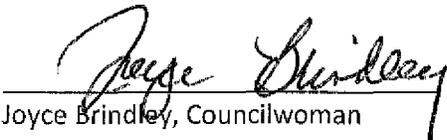
Joyce made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Bryan.



Bryan Gatewood, President



Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman