

Town Council Meeting
June 10,2019
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 7:00 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. President Gatewood read minutes from the May 13th 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 Mainstreet helped with the Westport Covered Bridge Festival this year. The flowers planted by the Mainstreet volunteers are blooming and downtown looks nice. Joyce stated that at the next Mainstreet meeting in July, officials from Indianapolis are coming to speak to the group on growth and future planning.

Water Project Public Hearing: Mary McCarty started the hearing with a sign-in sheet and reviewed the cost of the total project which is \$4,380,000. Mary explained that the hearing is being held to review the final application for the OCRA Grant portion of the financing which is \$700,000 due by June 28th. Roger Kottlowski, from Commonwealth reported on the preliminary design for the water project. Roger stated that the engineers are looking at a Carbon Filter system to help clean the Trihalomethanes out of the water which would meet IDEM requirements. Roger also talked about a step-down system installed in the Dam to slow the water flow and enhance safety. Roger stated that he needs council approval on the preliminary design and Bryan suggested that a special meeting be held at another date to complete the paperwork. Mary submitted a Resolution authorizing submission and local match commitment which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Bryan.

Krista Duvall — Area Planning: Krista reported that her GIS zoning system for Westport was lost on the computer backup and she needs the council to review several maps that she brought with her to make sure the zoning is correct for Westport. She requested that the council make recommendations to the zoning maps by September rt. Krista also stated that she had some address issues leading to the 911 Board and Sheriff re-examining the addresses on the south end of the county. This led to a determination that the roads with names such as Millstone Rd., Iron Mine Rd., Kentucky Ave, and Water Plant Rd. will need to be changed to 911 approved addresses such as 600 West. Krista reported that this change will be a slow process over the next few months, starting in the fall and residents will receive more information regarding the addresses.

Bryan introduced Ordinance 2019-4 which will replace Ordinance 2019-2 regarding the McCullough barn project at the end of N. East St. Bryan explained that when reviewing Ordinance 2019-2, Krista Duvall with area planning pointed out that GIS also showed an alley at the end of N. East St. The alley closure is

included in Ordinance 2019-4 which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Bryan and Ordinance 2019-2 was repealed.

601 E. Main St. Lot Split: Bernard Williams stated that he is wanting to separate a portion of the front of his property where there used to be a mobile home for the purpose of building a small home for an older couple. Krista Duvall stated that the property is zoned A1 and has to be zoned residential before Bernard can do anything to his property. Joyce made a motion that the council approve that the northwest corner portion of Parcel 16-17-06-210-011.000-014 be re-zoned from A1 to R2 and Bryan seconded the motion.

Part Time Deputy's Hourly Rate: Bryan discussed the rate of past part time deputy's and part time street department positions. Marshall Talkington recommended \$15 an hour which the council compared to the Deputy Marshall's current range and Joyce made a motion that they approve \$15/hr., seconded by Bryan.

Credit Card Payment Options at Town Hall: Gloria presented three different options for credit card payments and reported on various details of each program. The programs compared were GovPayNet, GovPay.US and Invoice Cloud. After outlining features of each program, Gloria recommended Invoice Cloud which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Bryan.

Planning for 2020 Budget: Gloria stated that planning for the 2020 budget has started and asked for the council and town employees to start putting in their requests for additional line items not usually funded in the budget such as a new police car or tractor. Gloria also stated that when working on the budget, their accountant Charlene Brown cited a deficit in the Cemetery budget that needs to be addressed so that the 2020 Cemetery fund does not go into the red again. Bryan asked that the council review this issue further at the Special Session on June 24th at 7pm.

Adjustments/Delinquent Letters— To extend disconnection notice:

Nicholas Messer requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$258.30 on Friday June 14th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

Jessica Shera requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$115.35 on Friday June 14th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

Carrie Lee requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$59.02 on Friday June 14th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Bryan.

Bailey Yeager requested a sewer adjustment due to a leaking sub pump and the council determined that more information was needed to make a decision on this request

Darryl Wolterman requested a 2" sewer adjustment due to a leaking toilet in his shop and the council decided to table this request until more information is received.

From the Floor:

John Organist asked for clarification regarding the cemetery budget and manpower hours. Gloria explained that in previous years the money for cemetery expenses was funded by the general town budget but State Board of Accounts expects the cemetery fund to run separately than the general fund.

Once separated the current budget for the cemetery went into deficit at the end of 2018 since there was not enough revenue to cover operating expenses at the cemetery.

Mike Bartlett requested permission to place a church sign next to other signs out on the highway at both ends of town. Bryan asked for Mike to create the sign, get dimensions and run it by Krista Duvall from area planning so that the sign would meet zoning requirements and then the council could approve the sign.

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Daily Flemming from the Gr-ELL; Liasala*Fg-4.4.14, akevee announced that they are looking for someone to fill a paid journalist position, that can drive and would be interested in covering news for WTRE in the local area.

Jake Ross, Bill Padgett and two other neighbors brought up the barking dog issue in their neighborhood. Bryan and Joyce committed to visiting the dog owners prior to the next meeting to talk to them about the issue. Bryan stated that the council would review the animal control ordinance at the next meeting since there is questions about the kennel clause in the ordinance.

Damon Land asked that they add tree trimming estimates to the Special Session on June 24th.

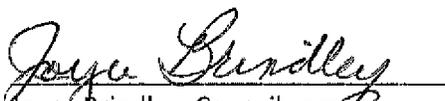
Bryan announced that Cummins is having a Community Wide Recycling Day on Thursday, June 13th at the main entrance at 500 Central Ave. from 6AM to 4PM.

Bryan also reported that Nate Harter said that he received two applicants that applied for the open town council position. Applications were due by June 7th and interviews will be conducted June 13th at 5PM at the Republican Headquarters. The Republican Party will appoint the town council member since it is an open Republican council position.

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


Bryan Gatewood, President


Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman