

Town Council Meeting
September 09, 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 August 12, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as read with one correction and John made a motion to approve, seconded by Joyce. President Gatewood read minutes from the Special Session on September 4th, 2019 which John made a motion to approve, seconded by Joyce.

Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed

Payroll Vouchers were signed

Water and Sewer Report: Presented by Bryan Gatewood

Street and Cemetery Report: Presented by John Organist

Marshal's Report: Presented by Joyce Brindley

Mainstreet Westport Report:

Joyce announced that Sammy Terry is going to be the Master of Ceremonies at the Fall Festival Parade this year. Joyce added that there are several people signed up for the parade with over 14 floats, marching bands and multiple Fire Department vehicles. Joyce outlined the activities scheduled during the Fall Festival and encouraged people to come out to support the community. Joyce reported that the group will be cleaning and re-working the pocket-park across from Pizzalicious. Joyce also reported that the Mainstreet group will be serving food at the Richard & John Davis auction this Saturday at the Decatur Co. Fairgrounds.

Combining Street & Water/Sewer to Westport Utilities:

Bryan stated that John has updated the job descriptions of the town employees and changed their title to utility workers instead of separating the employees by department. Bryan stated that the council was reviewing the descriptions and the next step would be for the current employees to give input on the descriptions.

Westport Town Deputy Marshall Contract:

Bryan read the official Deputy Marshall contract between the town and Tony Blodgett which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. The contract was signed by the Council and Tony Blodgett.

Delinquent/Adjustment Letters:

Avie Giddings requested an extension of her past due bill to pay \$145.56 on Friday September 13th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

Nathan Snyder requested an extension of his past due bill to pay \$107.86 on Friday September 13th. Joyce made a motion to approve the request, seconded by John.

From the Floor:

Mary Ortman asked about the noise ordinance and gave an update on her neighbor's dog. Ruby Henry also added concerns about a neighbor's dog barking during the night.

Amanda Organist requested that a 4-way stop be put in at the intersection of Mulberry and Range due to witnessing a dangerous incident where a motorcycle was almost hit by another vehicle. The council discussed the issues with not being able to see to the right when pulling off of Mulberry street on to Range at that intersection. This also led to discussion about the intersection at the flashing lights on Highway 3.

Roger Griffith asked the town council to consider opening the alley between his property on 308 S. Walnut St and the property at 310 S. Walnut St. Bryan encouraged Roger to get his land surveyed so that he knows the actual property line since there appears to be a property line dispute but the town would take a look at the alley and assist with hauling gravel if Roger wanted to put gravel in the alley.

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

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Bryan Gatewood, President


Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman


John Organist, Councilman