

Town Council Meeting  
January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Westport Town Hall

The Westport Town Council met in regular session at the Westport Town Hall, with the following present; Harry Pray III, President, Joyce Brindley, 444-14-44r-girfft-and Gloria Alumbaugh. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh read minutes from the December 9th, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as read and Harry made a motion to approve, seconded by Joyce.

**Ordinance 2020-1:**

Gloria read the Ordinance out loud. Harry stated that he is Council President and John Organist was designated Vice President. Joyce stated that the President would be determined each year and council members will be able to vote out a member if needed. Harry made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-1, seconded by Joyce. 2:0 vote

**SIRPC:**

Jodi Corner reported that although the OCRA grant has an 18-month timeframe, there are certain mile markers along the way. The next deadline is to start the bidding process but Commonwealth needs at least three months to obtain a permit for the dam project. Jodi suggested that the council sign a 90-day extension and schedule another meeting with Commonwealth to determine next steps in the water project. Harry made a motion to sign the 90-day extension for the bidding deadline with OCRA, seconded by Joyce. 2:0 vote

**Appointment of the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works:**

Harry recommended that Damon Land be appointed the new Superintendent of the Department of Public Works by making a motion which was seconded by Joyce. 2:0 vote

**Ordinance 2020-2, Amendment to Wage & Salary Ordinance 2019-7:**

Gloria stated that the names of the various utility departments were changed to Utility Workers and the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works. The Superintendent's salary was adjusted for the new position and Colton's salary increase was also included. Harry made a motion to approve the amended ordinance and Damon's salary at \$52,600, seconded by Joyce. 2:0 vote

**Website Proposal:**

Harry explained that the town would like to have a website where the public can access town information and public meeting minutes. Harry also talked about an emergency notification system on the website that will inform people about boil notices and water leaks. Harry made a motion that the town enter a contract with Street Smart Incorporated to build a website, seconded by Joyce.

**Addition on 215 S. Lincoln —Jeff Robbins:**

Joyce explained that there was a zoning issue when Jeff presented the addition at 215 S. Lincoln to the zoning board because there is supposed to be 8ft between the home and the neighbor's property line. The back of the garage is 8ft but the front of the addition will only be 6 ft due to the way the home was built. Joyce made a motion that the zoning variance be approved, seconded by Harry. 2:0 vote

**Westport Logo:**

The new logo will be used on the website, business cards and communications from the town of Westport. Harry recommended that the town adopt the Westport logo presented by Jeff Emsweller, seconded by Joyce. 2:0 vote

**911 Address Changes:**

Harry discussed the information he learned while talking to various county officials about the 911 address changes. Harry and Joyce stated that they are not for the address changes and neither is the county council because of the cost to individuals involved. Harry recommended that the town wait to see what the county commissioners do with the issue before the town takes action.

**P-Card Resolution for Town Spending:**

Gloria stated that the town needs a way to purchase items using a credit card instead of check only purchases. After researching several options Gloria felt that the Pay card option was the best option for the town and explained that this a procurement system not a revolving credit line so it would not cost the town extra money to use the card. Harry made a motion to approve the P-Card Resolution, seconded by Joyce.

**From the Floor:**

Harry stated that his vision for the new council is to improve the quality of life for the town of Westport. Walter Hunter asked about burning trash in the town which was addressed by Joe Talkington and Damon Land. The Council discussed ways for the community to improve by working together and improving code enforcement to clean up the town. Joyce added that the town is going to hire a municipal attorney to also assist as the council moves forward to make Westport a safe, attractive community.

Delores Honeycutt expressed concern for the 4-way stop sign at Mulberry and Range and asked if lights could be put on them to make them more visible as people are still running the stop signs.

Charla Nash reported a noise issue in her neighborhood involving a generator running all the time and another property that had a refrigerator sitting in the yard. The town council stated that they are working to address these concerns which will take some time and assistance from a new municipal attorney.

**Oaths of Office for Reserve Police Officers:**

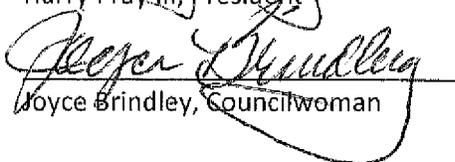
Joe Talkington introduced the newly graduated Reserve Officers, Hillary England and Luke Lozier who were given the oath of office by Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh.

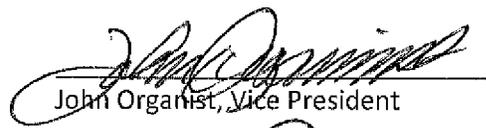
**Monthly Bills and Adjustments were signed**

**Payroll Vouchers were signed**

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

  
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Harry Pray III, President

  
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Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

  
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John Organist, Vice President

  
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At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer