

Town Council Meeting
October 12th, 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, John Organist, Joyce Brindley, and Gloria Alumbaugh. John Organist called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh read minutes from the September 14th Council Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Joyce and seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Signing of Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, Adjustments & Monthly Bills

A second adjustment for Katrina Evans for \$135.56 was approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Commonwealth Water Project Updates:

Rachel Runge reported that the Pre-Construction Meeting was held on 9/28/20 with both contractors and Dave O'Mara has started work at the Dam. Thieneman is scheduled to start work at the water treatment plant this week and a ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled later in the month. Rachel submitted work schedules for both contractors to the town council.

Permission to close Mainstreet on 11/28/20 – Connie Davis:

Connie Davis requested permission to close Main St. at approximately 6:30PM for 15 minutes while Santa travels from the Community Building to the Santa House downtown. Joyce made a motion to approve the temporary street closure, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Ordinance 2020-9 Ratifying the Action of Non-payment of Fire Hydrant Rental Fees (2nd Reading):

John reviewed the Ordinance and Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-9, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Resolution 2020-12 DCEMA Plan:

John read Resolution 2020-12 Adoption of the Decatur County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Handwashing Stations Proposal:

Gloria proposed that the town purchase 6 portable handwashing stations with Covid-19 federal funding to encourage handwashing at community events. The council reviewed the proposal and John made a motion that 6 portable handwashing stations be purchased, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Fund Transfer Resolution 2020-10 & 11:

Gloria presented Resolution 2020-10, a resolution amending Resolution 2020-7 to transfer funds from one category to another within Fund 205 to pay for the new cemetery mower. Gloria also presented Resolution 2020-11, a resolution to transfer \$84,274 from Water B&I (Fund 602) to fully fund debt service reserve obligations in Fund 603 for the new USDA Rural Development Loan. The council reviewed both resolutions and Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10 and Resolution 2020-11, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Alley Closure Procedures/One Way Street Discussion:

Attorney Scott Andrews explained that the council needs a legal procedure to close Alleys/Street which includes written documentation to meet Indiana state code. Scott suggested that the council use an

application process similar to other cities in the area which includes an application fee, formal petition and publication prior to closing an alley or street. The council discussed the application process, decided to charge \$50 for the application fee and require written documentation before approving future alley/street closures. Joyce made a motion to approve the application process including \$50 fee, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

From the Floor:

Jack Powers asked for the town to consider repairing the alley beside his property going from Range to N West St. and Harry stated that they would notify Damon Land regarding the request.

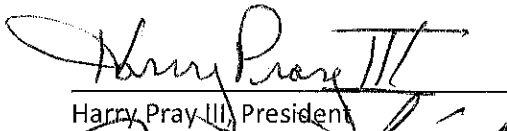
Mary McCullough asked for an extension to get her pool cleaned up and covered. Joyce made a motion to extend the deadline another 30 days, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Mike Bartlett spoke on behalf of Chris Bartlett, asking the council for clarification on an abandoned alley between his property at 409 E Schott St, and 408 E Bennett St. The council recommended that a letter be sent to the property owners to vacate the public way and that the property owners work together to resolve any issues.

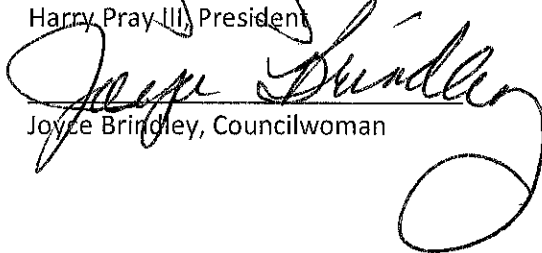
Joyce made a motion to close the monthly meeting, seconded by John.

Public Hearing for the Adoption of the 2021 Budget:

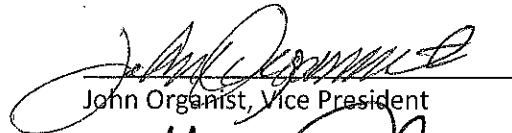
Council Vice President John opened the Public hearing for public comment on the 2021 budget adoption at 7:25PM. There were no public comments. John made a motion that the council adopt the 2021 Budget, Resolution 2020-13, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0 John closed the public hearing at 7:30 PM.



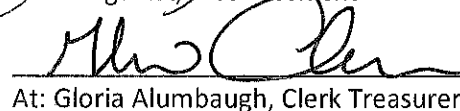
Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer