

Town Council Meeting
November 9th, 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. Harry called the meeting to order at 6:30pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh read minutes from the October 12th 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

Commonwealth Water Project Updates:

Damon Land gave a report on the water project, including information about the right-of-way issues in Division B and recommendation of a metal roof for the Water Treatment Plant. The council also reviewed the monthly report submitted by Commonwealth.

George Schermer – New Mobile Home Park:

George Schermer and his son presented information to the council about their intentions for the mobile home park at 510 N Range. Mr. Schermer stated that in three weeks they would like to start moving two to three homes into the park at a time. The council discussed Ordinance 1988-3 and how it applies to the park, asking the Schermers to work with the town on keeping the mobile home park updated and secure. George stated that he would have a property manager onsite and would also be working with IDEM and the Decatur County Board of Health to make sure the park is complying with state/county regulations.

Ordinance 1988-3:

The council decided to submit Ordinance 1988-3 to Attorney Scott Andrews for review. The council discussed adding guidelines such as an age limit to mobile homes being moved into town and clearer wording about securing the homes to their foundation.

Public Hearing for Additional Appropriations, Ordinance 2020-11:

Gloria read the Ordinance, requesting additional appropriations in the General Fund to cover the additional Covid-19 purchases. John opened the public hearing for comment and there were no public comments. John made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Ordinance 2020-12 Vacate a Certain Alleyway:

The council reviewed Ordinance 2020-12 and John made a motion to approve the ordinance, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Ordinance 2020-13 Amending Ordinance 2014-04 Purchasing:

Gloria explained that she reviewed Ordinance 2014-04 which needed updates since the Clerk Treasurer will need to make payments in the middle of the month for the water project. Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-13, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Permission to Pay-off Streetlight Debt – Resolution 2020-13:

Gloria requested permission to pay off the Streetlight loan at First Financial Bank which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

207 & 209 E Mulberry Property Purchase:

The council agreed to sign and submit the purchase agreement to purchase the property at 207 & 209 E. Mulberry.

405 W. Mulberry Bathroom addition: Tabled for additional questions

Hiring Policy Re-Write: Tabled to next month

Federal Audit Discussion: Gloria discussed the likelihood of a Federal Audit occurring in the next year since they have a large water project open with Rural Development

SIRPC Appointee:

The council appointed Joyce Brindley to represent Westport at the Southeastern Indiana Regional Planning Commission Board of Directors for 2021.

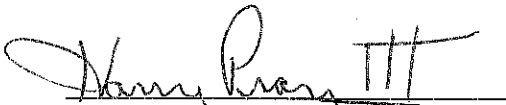
Discussion on Delinquent Sewer Accounts:

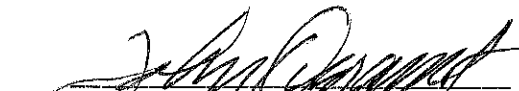
Gloria explained that there is a customer that has an extensive sewer debt at 207 E Sycamore St., but the customer states that they do not use the sewer and should not have the debt. The town also does not have a way to collect on the account since the customer does not own the property that they are living on so the clerk doesn't know what to do with this customer's account. The council discussed the lack of options and John suggested they write-off the debt and close the account which was seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0


From the Floor:

Damon brought up quality of the work completed by Globe Asphalt, Inc. during the last CCMG project stating his concern with using them for future CCMG projects. Damon also informed the council that the Strand engineers submitted a report and will present their recommendations at the next council meeting. Damon reported that work on the sewer will start on Range street next Thursday.

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


Harry Pray III, President


John Organist, Vice President


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman


At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer