

Town Council Meeting
December 14th, 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 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 November 9th Council Meeting. The minutes were approved as read by Joyce and seconded by John. Vote 3:0

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

Westport Water Project Updates:

The council reviewed pay application #1 for Thieneman and Commonwealth which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. The council discussed the right of way issues on 950 South with Rachel Runge from Commonwealth. Rachel also mentioned the upcoming Wastewater timeline with IDEM and suggested that the council schedule a special meeting to review Commonwealth's Preliminary Engineering report for wastewater improvements. The council schedule a special session for January 5th at 2:30pm.

Cann's Addition Drainage Study:

Strand Engineering represented by Steve Ruble presented their recommendations for improving the drainage system at Wiley Street and Kathleen Drive. The council reviewed the report which suggested that larger drainage ditches with culverts under each driveway be installed to help direct stormwater towards the field to the North of Wiley Street. Next steps will be to communicate with all property owners effected and obtain an estimate of cost to complete the project.

Marshal's Salary Contract:

Council reviewed and signed the Marshal and Deputy Marshal contracts for 2021.

Salary Ordinance for 2021:

The council reviewed the Salary Ordinance for 2021 and Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-14, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Storage/Distribution of Portable Hand Washing Stations:

Mainstreet Inc. will come up with a plan for storage and distribution of the portable hand washing stations purchased for use during outdoor events in town.

Area Planning Representative Appointment:

The council discussed appointing a representative for the Area Planning Commission meetings. Joyce suggested Bryan Gatewood which was approved and seconded by John. Vote 3:0

End of the Year Summary Presented by Council President:

Harry read a list of tasks completed by the council and town employees in 2020. The list was over 40 items long and included purchasing a new police car, cleaning up the town and purchasing/selling new property in town. Harry thanked everyone for their hard work and accomplishments.

Monthly Police Reports:

Deputy Marshal Shane Lakin, presented October and November's monthly police reports.

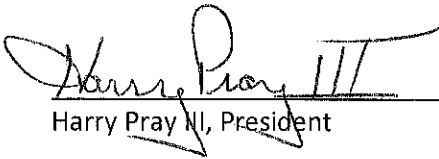
From the Floor:

Clerk Treasurer, Gloria reported that the CCMG project is officially closed and the town can start a new project next year, \$46,654 was received from the state for Covid-19 reimbursement, and the 2021 Budget was approved. Gloria also presented her Nepotism Certificate for 2021.

Barb Winchester on the success of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and Bizarre, adding that Santa would be at the Santa House on December 19th for the children. Barb also thanked the Police Department and Fire Department for escorting Santa to the Santa house for that event.

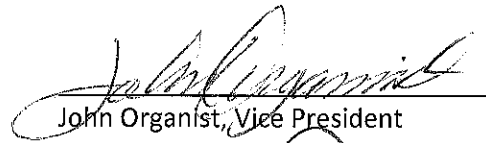
Robert Baldwin petitioned the council to approve a bathroom update in his garage at 405 W Mulberry Street. Joyce made a motion to approve the full bathroom addition, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

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




Harry Pray III, President

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer