

Town Council Meeting  
May 11th, 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, 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 March 9<sup>th</sup> and March 25<sup>th</sup> meetings. The minutes were approved as read and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

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

#### **Trash Ordinance Discussion & Other Ordinances:**

The council discussed the need for a trash ordinance. Joyce made a motion that attorney, Scott Andrews write the new ordinance, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

The council also made a list of other ordinances that need updated or re-written including an ordinance to ratify the debt owed for fire hydrants, noise/nuisance ordinance and condemning property.

#### **Lloyd & Brenda Smith - Weeping Cherry Tree:**

Harry explained to the council that the town hired a certified arborist, Linda Glick to assess the damage of the Weeping Cherry Tree along with some other trees on Main street. The arborist told Harry that the Weeping Cherry Tree was not killed due to trimming the branches and likely died from Verticillium Wilt which has to do with a lack of water to the tree. Harry stated that due to the assessment the council would not replace the dead Weeping Cherry tree.

#### **Westport Cemetery:**

The council discussed the need to update the Cemetery Rules since decorations are getting excessive and hard to mow around at the Cemetery. The council also discussed the need to expand paving to Section 5 of the Cemetery since there is potential of making \$86,400 in plot sales. Joyce made a motion that the Cemetery Maintenance Fund be used to purchase asphalt for Section 5 and that the Cemetery rules be updated by Town Office Clerk, Keishia Welch which was seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

The council also discussed Cemetery expenses versus revenue. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria and Cemetery Overseer, Mike Gasper agreed to work together to create a total cost analysis of the Cemetery so that Cemetery prices can be reevaluated.

#### **From the Floor:**

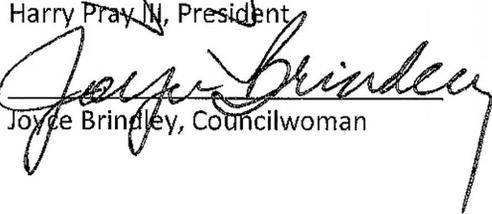
Mike Gasper reported that the Westport Kiwanis sponsored a walking path to be installed at the Westport Park which was completed May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Kiwanis are also repainting the tennis courts so that tennis or pickle ball can be played at the park.

Brian Gatewood asked the council for approval to turn on electricity at the pocket park Gazebo so that lights can be installed during the summer months. Joyce made a motion to approve the town turning the electricity on at the Gazebo, seconded by Harry.

Damon submitted a request to purchase gutters for the Town Hall and Town Barn since the bids came in over \$1,000. Joyce made a motion for the town to purchase the gutters, seconded by Harry.

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

  
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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