

Town Council Meeting  
June 8<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, 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 May 11<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. 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**

**Joyce read the Westport Police Department Report.**

#### **Commonwealth Project Updates:**

Melanie Douglas presented an update on the Water Project, including a Memorandum regarding the Updated Guide 5 CEI Engineering Amendment. The Memorandum outlines changes that occurred during the course of the design, such as needing a larger water treatment building, laboratory, new chemical feed equipment, new Granular Activated Carbon and other minor items. The changes will increase cost of the project which will be submitted to USDA at the conclusion of the project. Melanie reported that a timeline will be established in June for open bids on the project and DNR is supposed to have confirmation of the Dam permit by June 15<sup>th</sup>. Melanie also presented an amendment of the Owner-Engineer Agreement requesting Council President's signature which Harry signed and attested by Gloria.

Commonwealth also requested permission to move forward with the Wastewater study which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry.

#### **Abandoned Properties:**

Terry James spoke on behalf of the property owner at 207 and 209 E. Mulberry St. Terry stated that he is a contractor who viewed the property today and would suggest that the owner either sale the property to the town or redevelop the property into a 4-family rental. The town council discussed their previous bid that had been proposed to the owner a few years ago and Terry stated that he would take the bid of \$10,000 back to owner to consider.

Mr. Krammes also spoke of a letter he received regarding his school bus on 711 E. North St. Mr Krammes stated that the bus is operable and his goal is to turn the bus into a RV type vehicle. Harry discussed the issue of the bus being an eyesore for the neighbors and the town is working to clean-up the looks of the town. Mr. Krammes stated that he understood and he would make an effort to move the bus to a more secluded location in the next 30 days.

#### **Quit Claim Properties (W. Race St.):**

Gloria explained that there are a few neighbors wanting the property at W. Race St. and asked the council how they want to distribute that particular property. Marty Clark spoke of her interest in the property but no other interested parties appeared. Council heard her request and Joyce made a motion that the land on W. Race St. go to Marty Clark, seconded by Harry.

**Westport Alley Maintenance:**

The council discussed the cost to maintain Alley's in Westport and determined that a policy should be written to outline what the town of Westport would be responsible for in regards to Alleys.

**Mainstreet Westport, Inc.:**

Bryan Gatewood presented a request for town funds to the Mainstreet Westport, Inc. organization to reimburse funds spent improving the look of the town. Bryan stated that the funds would be used to purchase annual flowers, paint supplies and cleaning supplies used for the town improvements. Joyce made a motion to add Mainstreet Westport, Inc. to the 2021 town budget in the amount of \$500, seconded by Harry.

**Road Closure Request:**

Connie Davis requested permission to close Main St. on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the Community Building from Dean St. to Williamson for the SDHS Prom. Joyce approved the temporary street closure, seconded by Harry.

**Trash Ordinance 2020-5:**

Ordinance 2020-5 was read and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry.

**CCMG Resolution 2020-5:**

Gloria requested a Resolution for funds to be transferred from Motor Vehicle Highway Fund to the Community Crossing Matching Grant to pay for the town's share of the paving project in the amount of \$33,197.79. Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-5, seconded by Harry.

**Westport Cemetery Rules:**

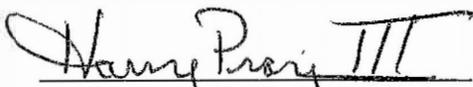
The updated Westport Cemetery Rules were presented to the council and was tabled until the next meeting due to questions regarding shepherd hooks.

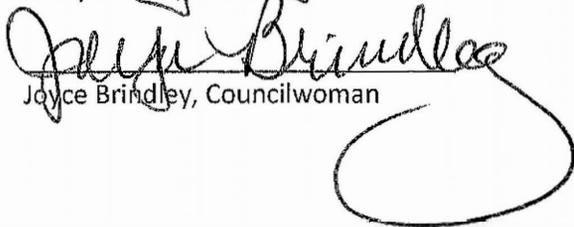
**From the Floor:**

Darren Gatewood reported on a vicious dog at 306 Lincoln St. that is chasing/attacking people, other pets and children. Joe Talkington stated that he would investigate the situation by Wednesday and asked neighbors to continue reporting any incidents of aggression to the police.

Damon submitted <sup>3</sup>four projects for repairs from the street department which would total approximately \$10,000. The council reviewed the projects and suggested that a Resolution to transfer funds occur to pay for the projects. The council scheduled a special town meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup> at 10AM to review the resolution.

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

  
Harry Pray III, President

  
Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

  
John Organist, Vice Presidente

  
At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer