

Town Council Meeting  
July 13, 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 June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meetings. The minutes were approved as read with a correction to read 3 Street Projects instead of 4. Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry. Vote 3:0

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

Adjustments for Alma Campbell and Beth McCullough were approved by Joyce and seconded by John. Vote 3:0

**Commonwealth Project Updates:**

Commonwealth was unable to attend the meeting so Gloria read the Memorandum submitted by Commonwealth regarding the upcoming bid schedule. The council reviewed and signed the Decatur County Rural Water Purchasing Contract which is part of the process to obtain USDA Funds.

**Quit Claim Properties:**

Gloria gave an update stating that two of the properties were not distributed due to cost of a surveyor and the other four would be signed and distributed as planned.

**Abandoned Property at 211 N Poplar:**

Pete Holdreith reported that he had plans to update the property when he retires in 2-3 years. Harry explained that the council expected improvements to be completed sooner due to the safety issues with the house and barn. The council told Pete he has 30 days to finish cleaning up the overgrowth on the property and 60 days to remove the barn.

**Abandoned Vehicles at 109 S. West St:**

Gloria reported that the property is overdue and fines would begin along with the vehicles being towed. Ruby Henry stated that she would contact the family and Harry stated that he would extend the due date if the family would take steps to clean-up the property.

**Ordinance 2020-6 Economic Development Plan:**

The council reviewed the Economic Development Plan and Joyce approved Ordinance 2020-6, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

**Part-Time Position Supervision:**

The council discussed who should supervise the part-time Street position. John made a motion that Damon supervise any part-time employees working on the street department, seconded by Joyce. John also stated that he would work on a hiring process for the town since there are no written policies currently. Vote 3:0

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

**From the Floor:**

Damon Land asked the council for permission to purchase a new mower for the Westport Cemetery since the current mower keeps breaking down and is over 20 years old. Joyce made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

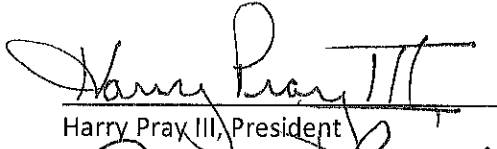
Damon also submitted an estimate from Don Loudon for \$2,728.64 to replace the heaters in the Street Barn which Joyce approved, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Tim Woodruff requested that the town look into some dead trees at 105 N. Poplar that need removed. Keith Messer asked about the flooding on Wiley St. and Damon stated that the town would have to hire an Engineer to take a further look at the issue.

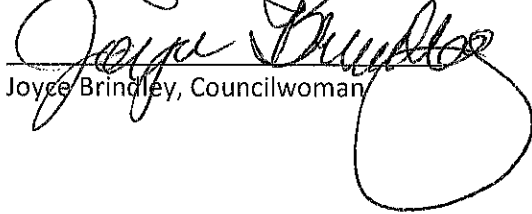
There was discussion regarding two more trees at 307 N Poplar that are needing removed.

Bryan asked when Globe would be starting on the streets in his neighborhood and Damon said the 1<sup>st</sup> of August. Colton Davis was also complimented for his thorough mowing around the Gazebo and pocket park.

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




Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer