

Town Council Meeting
August 10th, 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. John Organist called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh read minutes from the July 13th Council Meeting. The minutes were approved as read and Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by Harry. Vote 3:0

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

Commonwealth Project Updates:

The Council invited residents to attend the Special Meeting August 13th to discuss bid results and the winning bids will be determined at that time. Harry asked Rachel Runge from Commonwealth about IDEM reports and Rachel stated that she would review the reports to determine any further action.

Public Hearing for 108 S. Poplar St. – Abandoned Home:

The property owner did not appear for the public hearing and no additional comments occurred.

Town of Westport Hiring Policy/Procedures:

Topic tabled and no action

Main St. Closure Request for Car Show on 9-12-2020:

John made a motion to approve the road closure, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Alley Closure between Range and N. East St. – Brindley:

The council discussed closure of the alley and suggested that a resolution be presented to close the alley.

Strand & Associates, Inc. Presentation on Wiley St. Flooding:

Steve Ruble presented a letter of proposal on flooding at Wiley St. which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. The proposal for services will be signed by Council President. Vote 3:0

Resolution 2020-7 – Fund Transfer for Cemetery Mower:

Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2020-7, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

John read the Westport Police Department Report.

From the Floor:

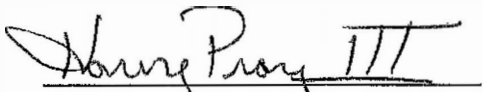
Corey Ross requested permission to connect to the water/wastewater at 402 W. Washington St. Corey discussed rezoning the property to R-1 and also requested a letter of permission from council to be provided to the Decatur county zoning board per their request. Joyce volunteered to write the letter of permission and approved the request, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Amanda Organist announced the FOP Lodge 104 Fundraising event that is scheduled on September 19th from 4pm – 7pm which includes a free-will donation dinner.

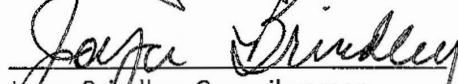
There was discussion regarding the speed limit in town and John asked Damon Land to look into options to reduce speed on Main St. and Dean St.

Town Attorney, Scott Andrews answered questions regarding what happens when town residents refuse to accept certified letters regarding Ordinance violations. Andrews suggested that the town take residents to small claims court to obtain fines, file liens on property or have papers served by the Town Marshall. Andrews also presented an Ordinance to the council to address the Fire Hydrant Issue that was cited by State Board of Accounts in 2019. The council will review the Ordinance at the next monthly council meeting.

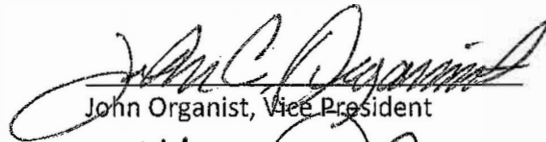
John made a motion to close the meeting, seconded by Joyce.




Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer