

Town Council Meeting  
August 13<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, John Organist, Joyce Brindley, and Gloria Alumbaugh. Harry Pray called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

**Commonwealth Presentation of Bid Recommendations:**

Rachel Runge presented a Water Improvements Bid – Post Bid report to the council and reviewed the following information:

Three Bids were received for Division A – Water Treatment Plant from Thieneman Construction, Inc., Mitchell & Stark Construction Co., Inc., and Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc. Commonwealth recommends Thieneman Construction with the lowest total base bid.


Two Bids were received on Division B – Distribution System Improvements from Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc and Miller Pipeline, LLC. Commonwealth recommends Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc. with the lowest total base bid.

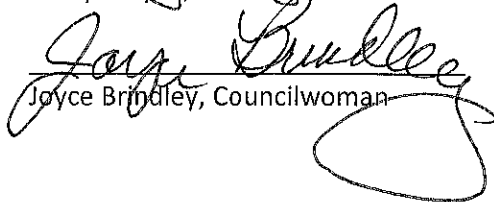
No bids were received on Division C – Dam Improvements so Commonwealth recommended that a change order for the dam be prepared and submitted for review from the winning contractors if they agree to the change order.

Rachel also discussed the options provided by USDA and there was much discussion on next steps to ensure that the lowest interest rate is obtained of 1.125% versus the original 2.375% on the cost overrun loans. Obtaining the lower interest loan would assist with the additional cost of the overall water project but closing must occur before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Timing is very important and a water rate and bond ordinance must also be adopted soon. The Council scheduled a Special Council Meeting for August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10AM to present the Water Rate and Water Bond Ordinances. Then a Public Hearing will be held at the next Town Council Meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to adopt the Ordinances.

A vote was taken to move forward with Commonwealth’s recommendations on the lowest bids in Division A - Thieneman Construction Inc., and Division B – Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc. approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

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