

Town Council Meeting
October 11th, 2021
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 presented the minutes from the September 13th Council Meeting which was approved by Joyce, seconded by John.

Signing of Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills

Joyce made a motion to approve all deeds, payroll vouchers and claims, seconded by John. Council signed documents at the end of session.

Westport Water Project Updates:

Rachel gave an update on the progress of the water project. The council reviewed pay application #11 for Thieneman Construction which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce and signed by Harry. Commonwealth also presented change order A-8 which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Westport Wastewater Project:

Rachel presented the IDEM compliance schedule to the council for review and congratulated the town on receiving a 2.5-million-dollar grant from SWF. The council discussed next steps for moving forward with the Wastewater project and Joyce made a motion that the council hire Jim Higgins from LWG CPA's & Advisors for a rate study, seconded by John. 3:0

Rental Inspection Requirement in Westport:

The council read Ordinance 2021-8 which John approved at the 1st reading, seconded by Joyce. There was discussion from the floor from Roy Saylor, Luke Hampton, and Becky Gillenwater.

Condemned Properties: 606 S. West St., 306 E Main, 209 N West, and 219 E Main.

The council discussed options for next steps with Attorney Whitted. Richard and Luke Hampton reported on the progress at 219 E Main and were given to the end of the year to bring their property into compliance. John made a motion to assign legal action to all of the properties except 219 E Main St. which was seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

INDOT Compliance for CCMG (ADA/Title VI)

Gloria discussed the ADA Transition Plan and upcoming resolutions needed to put the town into compliance with INDOT's requirements to qualify for CCMG federal funding. The council discussed next steps and approved the Transition Plan.

Planning for ARP Funding

Gloria suggested that the council begin planning for ARP funding since there are several areas where the money can be distributed and the council decided to make planning decisions after the rate study meeting scheduled for November 1st.

Discussion on Westport Transfer Closing:

The council discussed future options for trash removal and recycling but confirmed that the Westport Transfer is not closing at this time.

Resolution 2021-4 & Resolution 2021-5:

The clerk treasurer presented Resolution 2021-4, Old Outstanding Checks considered void which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Damon requested permission to accept Dave O’Mara’s bid for \$4500 to repair the streets damaged by water leaks which was approved by council. Resolution 2021-5, A resolution to transfer funds in LRS to cover the cost of the repairs was also approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

From the Floor:

Rosemary asked for an update on 606 E Schott St.

Roy Saylor discussed concern for being charged a monthly charge on his water bill even though he used very little water and council stated that they would take his concerns into consideration as they work on the rate study in the next few months.

Gloria presented the letter to council from James Thomas at 420 W Washington St. in regards to changing the property zoning and Brian Gatewood stated that there is a resolution regarding zoning of that property (Resolution 2016-2)

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

Harry Pray III, President

John Organist, Vice President

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman
Treasurer

At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk