

Town Council Meeting
December 13th, 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 November 8th Council Meeting which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce.

Signing of Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills

John made a motion to approve all deeds, payroll vouchers and claims, seconded by Joyce. Council signed documents at the end of session. Harry passed out checks to Kiwanis, and the Westport Community Building for services provided in 2021.

Westport Water Project Updates:

Commonwealth representative, Rachel Runge gave an update on the progress of the water project. The council reviewed Change Order A-9 for Commonwealth which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce and signed by Harry.

Rachel also presented a Stream Calibration Study Task Order (required by IDEM) that Joyce approved, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Wastewater Project:

Rachel gave an update on the Wastewater Project, stating that a Commonwealth employee would be starting field work around Westport tomorrow. Gloria gave an update on the interim financing details based on a memo from LWG financial advisors.

Decatur County Solid Waste:

Mandy Creech from Decatur County Solid Waste reported that Best Way is going to stop providing employees to manage the Westport Transfer so she is requesting that the town consider providing the manpower needed to keep the Westport Transfer open. John stated that the council will take this into consideration and do some research before determining a solution.

Moving the Westport Transfer Gate:

Tabled due to no show

Brown Settlement Resolution 2021-7:

John made a motion to accept Resolution 2021-7, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Police Car Bids:

Council reviewed the submitted police car bids and Joyce made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Family CDJR North Vernon, \$51,364.13, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Town Marshall/Deputy Marshal Contracts:

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

Attorney 2022 Contract:

John made a motion to approve the attorney’s contract, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Wage & Salary Ordinance 2021-9:

After reviewing the ordinance, Joyce made a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-9, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Additional Water Leak Adjustment:

Gloria presented a request for a water leak adjustment that fell outside the Ordinance guidelines due to the leak being unexplainable. John made a motion to approve the water leak adjustment for Mr. Watts in the amount of a credit of \$74.89, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Clerk Treasurer Nepotism Certification:

Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh submitted the Nepotism certificate which was accepted by the town council.

From the Floor:

Delores stated that she has seen suspicious activity in her neighborhood late at night. Gillenwater suggested that the town turn over any Board of Health reports to him and he will make sure that the Board of Health deals with the issues instead of having to go through a rental inspection. John Organist stated that there will be a checklist and modifications to the rental inspection policy with public input before moving forward with the ordinance.

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

Harry Pray III, President

John Organist, Vice President

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman
Treasurer

At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk