

Town Council Meeting
May 10th, 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, 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 April 12th Council Meeting which were approved by Joyce, seconded by Harry.

Signing of Funeral Deeds, Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills

Joyce made a motion to approve all deeds, payroll vouchers and claims, seconded by Harry. 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 #6 for Thieneman Construction which was approved by Joyce, seconded and signed by Harry. Commonwealth also presented change order A-2 which was approved by Joyce, seconded by Harry.

Government Alley designated One Way:

The council asked Attorney, Scott Andrews to write up an Ordinance making Government Alley a one-way from south to north and Johnson Avenue a one way going east to west.

Scheduling Condemnation Public Hearings:

Attorney Scott Andrews reviewed the process of starting condemnation proceedings with the council and stated that public hearings for condemnation can be scheduled outside of monthly council meetings. The council will determine a monthly date for condemnation hearings.

Switching Insurance Brokers:

Gloria asked permission to consider switching insurance brokers to someone more familiar with the needs of a small municipality and she was granted permission to pursue a new insurance broker.

Police Car Proposal for 2022:

Shane Lakins, Deputy Marshall submitted a written petition for the council to budget \$50,000 for a new police car in the 2022 budget. Joyce made a motion to approve the petition, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0

Council accepted the monthly police report for April 2021.

From the Floor:

Damon Land gave an update on the progress with the Kathleen Street stormwater project stating that the Hamptons are in full agreement to an easement on their property. Damon also brought up concern regarding locations of water/sewer infrastructure and asked the council to consider a GIS locating system to get exact locations on everything before Mark retires.

Delores Honeycutt brought up issues with speeding traffic on her street.

Trevor Moore requested gravel in the alley on side of his property behind the daycare. Trevor also commented about local thieving and was recommended to file reports with the police department.

Ila Cottone asked the town council to consider granting her a three-way liquor license at the Venue on 3.

Barb Winchester reported that Mainstreet was awarded grant money to start the welcome signs for Westport.

Brian Gatewood requested permission on behalf of Mainstreet Inc. to use town property at the dam for the Covered Bridge festival on June 12th. Joyce made a motion to approve the property use, seconded by Harry. Vote 2:0 Brian also asked the town if they could assist with hauling gravel to the parking area at the dam but stated that he and Ila Cottone would pay for the cost of the gravel. Council agreed to assist with hauling gravel.

Keith Messer inquired about the intentions of the mobile home park.

Danny Toler stated that he is cleaning up his property and Harry talked about council expectations regarding cleaning up properties.

Joyce stated that the removal of the flashing lights on 3 was an initiative from the state and there was brief discussion about the dangers of that intersection.

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

Harry Pray III, President

John Organist, Vice President

Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer