

Town Council Meeting  
February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
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 February 14<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce.

**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:**

Commonwealth representative, Matt Wirth gave an update on the progress of the water project. The council approved Pay App. A-13, \$113,067.34 for Thieneman and Pay App. B-5, \$336,023.56 for Dave O'Mara which Joyce approved, seconded by John. Vote 3:0 Matt also presented Change Order B-5 which was a credit from Dave O'Mara of over \$200,000 approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

**Westport Wastewater Project:**

Matt Wirth gave an update on the field work starting for the Wastewater Project. Jim Higgins, from LWF Financial Advisors reviewed the Sewer Rate Study with the council and presented LWF's Engagement Letter for Municipal Advisory Services. Jim presented Resolution 2022-2, A Resolution making a Preliminary Determination to issue Sewage Works Revenue Bonds of the Town of Westport, Indiana. The council reviewed Resolution 2022-2 and the Engagement letter which was approved by Joyce, seconded by John and signed by Harry. Vote 3:0

A Public Hearing was held at 6:51pm regarding the Wastewater Rate Study and Ordinance 2022-1, see separate notes.

Resolution 2022-2 was read and approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0  
Ordinance 2022-1 (Rate Increase) and Ordinance 2022-2 (Revenue Bond to start project) was approved for first reading with no vote.

**Westport Stormwater Study 2022:**

Matt Wirth presented a Task Order from Commonwealth to start the Westport Stormwater Study which is being funded by Decatur County ARP funds. Joyce made a motion to approve the Task Order, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

**Zoning Requests for Area Planning:**

420 W Washington – Request to zone property into two separate residential plots which was approved by Joyce, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

709 E Main St. – Request to zone front portion of property including the large building from A-1 to B-3 which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

307 E. Mulberry St. – Request to have cows on property for short period of time which Joyce suggested that the property owner start with Area Planning and then come back to the town. Property owner, Keishia Welch also took opportunity to start accusing the Town Clerk Treasurer of fraud and the council asked her to sit down and wait until the floor is open for comment.

**Resolution 2022-1 Fund Transfer for 2021 Budget:**

The council reviewed the fund transfer and Joyce made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-1, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

**No Trucks Allowed Signs:** Tabled.

**Vacation/Insurance Benefits:** Tabled until March Mtg.

**From the Floor:**

Amanda Organist invited the public to Juice with John on February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9A – 11A.

Damon requested permission to hire C/H & M to repair the sink hole behind the police department which Joyce made a motion to approve, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Bryan Gatewood gave an update on the Westport Signs, saying that construction is moving forward.


Deanna Burkart introduced herself stating that she is running for County Council again this year.


Bill Meyerose introduced himself stating that he is running for County Sheriff.

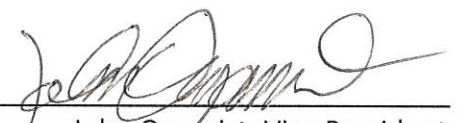
Keishia Welch presented a two-page list of accusations against the Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh and the council permitted her 3 minutes to speak.


Leanne Pearl requested assistance with gravel washing out in front of her home next to the Westport Police Department. Damon stated that he will look into the concern.

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

  
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Harry Pray III, President

  
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Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman  
Treasurer

  
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John Organist, Vice President

  
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At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk

