

Town Council Meeting
January 10th, 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 6:31 pm followed by the Pledge to the flag. Clerk Treasurer, Gloria Alumbaugh presented the minutes from the December 13th Council Meeting which was approved by Joyce, seconded by John.

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.

Election of Officers:

Joyce made a motion that the Officer roles remain the same, seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Water Project Updates:

Commonwealth representative, Rachel Runge gave an update on the progress of the water project. The council discussed the substantial completion date suggested by Thieneman Construction and Rachel suggested a follow-up meeting to determine the substantial completion date.

Westport Wastewater Project:

Rachel gave an update on the Wastewater Project, stating that Commonwealth employees would continue doing fieldwork for the next few weeks and there would be a summary report when they are done. Rachel also added that on the stormwater study there will be a kick-off meeting on January 20th at 11AM.

Decatur County Solid Waste:

Mandy Creech from Decatur County Solid Waste was unable to attend so the Clerk gave an update on what Mandy had told her and stated that next steps would be determining who would fill the position.

Mainstreet Inc. Update:

Harry thanked Connie Davis and the Mainstreet organization for their service last year and asked if they could give an update on the town signs. Brian Gatewood stated that the sign planning is in the engineers' hands at this time and once the organization receives permission from INDOT and the Decatur County Zoning Committee, the signs should go up by the end of the summer.

No Trucks Allowed Signs:

Damon led a discussion about the amount of semi-truck and trailers coming through town and that this issue will likely increase with the bridge construction this spring. The council discussed options and will look into the issue further.

Morgan Eden & Trust Zoning Request:

The property owner at 7070 S. 450 W. requested permission to zone 3 acres of their property into residential so that they can build a house on the land. Joyce approved the request to turn 3 acres into residential which John seconded. 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 a second adjustment within a year time frame. John made a motion to approve the water leak adjustment for Ms. McNeelan at 406 N West St. in the amount of a credit of \$28.36, seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

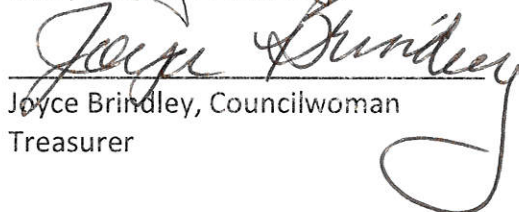
From the Floor:

Tony Schmidt expressed his concerns with condemning his property at 606 S West St.
Toby Vanetta discussed the water leak at the old Masonic Lodge on Mulberry St.
Carl Griffith requested a water leak adjustment due to a toilet leak. Clerk will look into his account to determine if he qualifies for an adjustment.
Roy Saylor stated that he would like to see a water billing policy on prorating water bills and requiring someone to be present on the property when water is turned on.
James Gillenwater asked Damon what the average speed was on Main St. when they used the speed trap and Damon said he would find out.
Gloria presented the additional security camera estimate to the council for review.


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



Harry Pray III, President



Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman
Treasurer



John Organist, Vice President



At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk