

Town Council Meeting
April 11th, 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 March 14th Council Meeting which was approved by John, seconded by Joyce.

Signing of Payroll Vouchers, & Monthly Bills:

John made a motion to approve all payroll vouchers and claims, seconded by Joyce.

Westport Water Project Updates:

Commonwealth representative, Rachel Runge gave an update on the progress of the water project and requested council approval on official completion dates and change orders. Project A, Thieneman Construction's completion date is February 24th 2022 and January 18th, 2022 was Project B, Dave O'Mara which Joyce approved, seconded by John. Joyce also made a motion to approve Change Order A-10 and A-11 which was seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Wastewater Project:

Rachel stated that field research continues into May as Commonwealth determines the rate of high flow through the Spring season as part of the pre-design phase.

Westport Stormwater Study 2022:

Rachel stated that field work continues and a model will be created to study the flow of water through town.

Community Building Committee:

The Committee president, Kenny Marshall presented the bids for repairing the outside of the Community Building. The council stated that they would review the bids before making a decision to assist with the project.

Resolution 2022-4 Adopting an Employee Policy:

Council reviewed Resolution 2022-4 which included a change in the employee's vacation leave which was approved by John and seconded by Joyce. Vote 3:0

Town Employee Medical Insurance:

Billy Kirkham presented new insurance plans to the council for renewal in 2022. Joyce made a motion to approve Plan 69X5 along with employer paid dental and vision insurance through Anthem Blue Shield/Blue Cross which was seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Resolution 2022-5 Title VI Implementation Plan:

Joyce made a motion to approve the Title VI Implementation Plan under Resolution 2022-5 which was seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Westport Water Way Clean-Up:

Harry announced that the town is starting clean-up of the creek that runs through Westport due to the number of obstructions in the creek such as bath tubs, trash and tree debris. Harry stated that property owners along the creek will receive letters with more information regarding the creek.

Westport Town Clean-Up Announcements:

Harry stated that the town is providing two dumpsters on April 21st for heavy trash removal to assist Westport residents with trash removal and the small recycling/shredding day is April 23rd. Harry encouraged people to use these free resources as they Spring clean their properties.

Animal Ordinance Update:

Harry discussed the current animal ordinances that the Town of Westport has adopted and explained to residents that there have been several complaints lately about various farm animals and stray cats. Harry stated that the animal ordinance is top priority and the Ordinance committee will be updating the current ones.

Cemetery Rates:

The Clerk Treasurer gave the council a print-out of the Cemetery Fund, demonstrating that the budget has been in the negative seven out of the last eleven years. The Clerk stated that State Board of Accounts expects the Cemetery Fund to be self-sustainable so the council needs to evaluate the cemetery rates or current budget to ensure that the Cemetery can meet what's budgeted each year. The council took the documents under review.

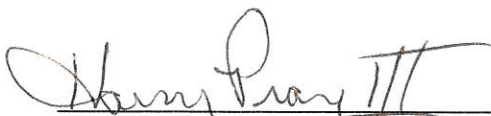
From the Floor:

Council reviewed bids submitted to demolish structures at 308 S. Walnut and 108 S. Poplar. Joyce made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Allen's Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$14,500 which was seconded by John. Vote 3:0

Bryan Gatewood gave a public service announcement about early voting and the upcoming election hours and date.


Donald Black spoke on behalf of his mother, property owner at 312 Sycamore St., asking the council if the property could be cleared for sale or rental. The Council discussed the properties improvements, waived all fines on the property from 2021 and 2022, and lifted sanctions which John approved, seconded by Joyce.; Vote 3:0

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


Harry Pray III, President


Joyce Brindley, Councilwoman

John Organist, Vice President


At: Gloria Alumbaugh, Clerk Treasurer